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**From:** Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 4:08 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Cc:** Bedan, Morgan (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint water

Not necessarily that may even happen without gov.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 4:04 PM  
To: Scott, Allison (GOV) <[scottal2@michigan.gov](mailto:scottal2@michigan.gov)>  
Cc: Bedan, Morgan (GOV) <[BedanM@michigan.gov](mailto:BedanM@michigan.gov)>  
Subject: Re: Flint water

Does the Wyant/Ananich have to happen before Kildee too?

> On Sep 25, 2015, at 3:44 PM, Scott, Allison (GOV) <[scottal2@michigan.gov](mailto:scottal2@michigan.gov)> wrote:  
>  
> governor spoke with Ananich this afternoon  
>  
> He would like to do a call Monday morning with Dennis and Dan Wyant to get latest and  
> greatest info on this topic  
>  
> After that will be some combination of he and Wyant speaking with Ananich  
>  
> Any materials on this topic please share for over the weekend  
>  
> Beth please use call time mom for this purpose. This should precede the Kildee call as well  
>  
> Thanks  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone



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**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 10:09 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV); Grijalva, Nancy (DCH)  
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Nick can step out of his meeting to participate.. Are you also scheduling one with Senator Ananich?

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**From:** Michelle Carnevale <MCarnevale@senate.michigan.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 11:00 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Call Today with Governor

Beth,

Senator Ananich is available for a call at noon. Please advise if his staff will be allowed on the call as well.

Thanks!  
Michelle

**Michelle Carnevale**

*Director of Appointments*

Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich

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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) [<mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 10:25 AM  
**To:** Michelle Carnevale <[MCarnevale@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:MCarnevale@senate.michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Call Today with Governor

Michelle,

Would the Senator be available to do a conference call today at ~12:00 pm with the Governor and a couple members of the administration Re: Flint?

Thanks,  
Beth

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Yes -- just sent the appointment

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 5:25 PM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Emmitt, Beth (GOV); Bedan, Morgan (GOV); Dickinson, Sarah (GOV)  
**Cc:** Murray, David (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV); Paciorek, Josh (GOV)  
**Subject:** Revised am media plan  
**Importance:** High

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**Subject:** Re: Revised am media plan

Ok

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 10:13 AM  
**To:** Helen Taylor; Hansen, Rachel (GOV); Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Cc:** Wyant, Dan (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Re: Mott foundation wants to talk to the Governor  
**Attachments:** image001.gif; image002.gif

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Sent from my iPhone

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Allison—

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**From:** Hansen, Rachel (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 10:36 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Mott foundation wants to talk to the Governor  
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Beth! So this has been fun. Ridgway called the main line and talked to Jean, so I'm having Dan Wyant call him back today to discuss Flint water issues today and let him know that we'll connect him with the Gov on Monday.

Lisa Maxwell is who I have as his assistant, in case you don't have it: [REDACTED]

Let me know if you want me to handle this -- I'm just not sure what time I should give him on Monday ☺

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**From:** Utley, Corey (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 3:49 PM  
**To:** Dickinson, Sarah (GOV); Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: October 2 Weekend Briefing - EDITS???

Good by me!

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**From:** Dickinson, Sarah (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 3:47 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>; Utley, Corey (GOV) <[UtleyC@michigan.gov](mailto:UtleyC@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** October 2 Weekend Briefing - EDITS???

Want to look at really quick? Any glaring errors?

Governor,

Attached is your Weekend Briefing for October 2. The briefing contains:

- October 5th – October 16th Calendar – Pages 2 – 33

**Events**

- Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club – Pages 34 - 35
- CMU Tour with President Ross – Pages 36 - 38
- Michigan Works! Annual Conference – Pages 39 - 47
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  - Potential Questions for VIP Q&A Session
  - VIP Q&A Attendee List
  - Michigan Works! Merger Diagram

**Meetings**

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  - Briefing
  - Letter from the Presidents Re: General Fund
- Syrian Refugee Update – Pages 87 - 96
  - Syrian Refugee Memo
  - Refugee Arrival Spreadsheet
- KMcPhee Education Update – Pages 97 - 98
- Communications and Outreach Report – Page 99
- DTMB Project Portfolio – Attached Separately

**Signed Letters**

- Regional Innovation Strategies Support Letter – Page 100
- Congressman Kildee Flint Water Update – Page 101
- Senator Peters Flint Water Update – Page 102
- Senator Stabenow Flint Water Update – Page 103

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Sarah



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**From:** Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 8:41 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Cal update

Add at 12:30/12:40 Dan Wyant to call re flint water update

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
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**From:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 10:53 AM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Cc:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Flint

I think this is a good idea. One think we keep hearing is that the governor is not involved or is detached. The Mike Thompson cartoon in the Freep last week is getting a lot of mileage on social media.

This would be good to show he's there and cares. And if we don't announce until he's there we can avoid the protests -- and still get the optics.

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**Subject:** RE: Flint

Agreed overall, though ideally it would have been a week or two ago before the fever pitch level it is now. But we need to do something more to change the narrative and demonstrate state's leadership and determination to help tackle the issue.

Key challenge is what specifically tied to kind of venue/announcement/info given the dynamics and timing (ie. school testing results) and status of DWSD reconnect conversation. Or a way to convey some other tangible item/assistance.

These filter distribution sites announced yesterday and that Beth highlighted below could be good one - it's a state led effort with collaboration - just would have to be done carefully.

We also have the state lab where testing is done. Though that poses certain opportunities and risks too, including it's not in Flint (is in Lansing).

-----Original Message-----

From: Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 10:55 AM  
To: Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>; Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <AgenJ@michigan.gov>  
Cc: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>  
Subject: RE: Flint

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This Friday afternoon he could visit one of the sites, talk to the CEO of United Way.

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Cc: Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <emmittb@michigan.gov>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>  
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I think this is a good idea. One think we keep hearing is that the governor is not involved or is detached. The Mike Thompson cartoon in the Freep last week is getting a lot of mileage on social media.

This would be good to show he's there and cares. And if we don't announce until he's there we can avoid the protests -- and still get the optics.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 6, 2015, at 10:49 AM, Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <AgenJ@michigan.gov> wrote:  
>  
> Don't forward or spread this around, but give me your take.  
> I think we may need to get G into Flint this week.  
> Unpublicized, but public. Filter distribution, testing visit, discussion with Superintendent, etc...  
> (And probably again next week.)  
>  
> We should at least present the option of what a potential visit would look like.

- >
- > Can you think about it and let me know how we'd do it.
- > I know it would require blowing up a day or part of a day.
- >
- >

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**From:** Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 1:09 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Thursday morning

Gov will need to go to flint

Gov can advise what he would like to preserve and push back rather than reschedule

Good luck !

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 4:30 PM  
**To:** Dickinson, Sarah (GOV); Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Cc:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint update

Here's a quick media update to add to the other Flint briefing and update coming from Dan Wyant.

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CBS Evening News was in Flint Monday and Tuesday with coverage slated to air during tonight's 6 p.m news block nationally. Story isn't likely to be great, but should hopefully be fair and balanced. Will have ties into race, poverty, emergency management, and what state and locals did and knew when and how situation was handled.

We helped arrange interviews with DEQ Director Dan Wyant and DHHS' Cheryl Thompson, who is the deputy director for the Department's field services, an African American and also a Flint resident. They did those interviews from the now up and running water filter distribution centers at one of the two DHHS Flint offices.

They also did interviews with local Flint media.

Majority of media coverage both in Flint locally and statewide today to date has been on free water filter distribution so has been generally more positive.

Sen. Ananich was again urging immediate switch to Detroit water with comment "To me, the cost-benefit analysis that has cost on one side and brain damage for kids on the other -- it's incomprehensible."

Erin Brockovich did an exclusive interview for WJRT TV 12 that's supposed to air tonight in the 5 p.m. news and the teaser is "one of the worst situations she's ever seen."

**Sara Wurfel, APR**

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**Subject:** RDS - Flint water conference call  
**Location:** By Phone  
  
**Start:** Wed 10/7/2015 7:25 AM  
**End:** Wed 10/7/2015 7:40 AM  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
  
**Organizer:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)

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**From:** Nancy M Kosch <koschn@dteenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:57 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Cc:** 'Pamela M Headley'  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson - Update

Hi Beth - Thanks for getting back to us. I'm listing some options below when Gerry would be available for a phone call with the Governor. Please let me know if any of these options will work. Thank you!

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☞ "Emmitt, Beth (GOV)" -----10/07/2015 10:11:26 AM-----Hi Pam, We have had a lot going on this week with Transportation and the Flint water situation, and

From: "Emmitt, Beth (GOV)" <emmittb@michigan.gov>  
To: 'Pamela M Headley' <headleyp@dteenergy.com>  
Cc: 'Nancy M Kosch' <koschn@dteenergy.com>  
Date: 10/07/2015 10:11 AM  
Subject: RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson - Update

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Hi Pam,

We have had a lot going on this week with Transportation and the Flint water situation, and thank you for your patience. We have the Governor scheduled to leave as soon as the breakfast is over on Friday to go to another stop. However, I'll check to see if the logistics would present an option for a quick pull aside that morning. If not, we will be able to look into the following week for the call.

Thank you!  
Beth

**From:** Pamela M Headley [<mailto:headleyp@dteenergy.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:06 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** 'Nancy M Kosch' <[koschn@dteenergy.com](mailto:koschn@dteenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson - Update  
**Importance:** High

Hi Beth,

I left a message for you yesterday afternoon, but I thought I would send you an email as well. I'm not sure where things are with scheduling, but I spoke with Gerry's assistant, Nancy Kosch, and learned that the Governor and Gerry may be at the same breakfast on Friday morning in Detroit. The event is the Goodfellows Tribute Breakfast and we understand that both are scheduled to sit on the dais for this breakfast event. We were wondering if possibly there might be time for a conversation between the two of them on Friday morning, maybe following the event.

Also, tomorrow (October 8) Gerry will be flying to Ohio and so his time for phone call would ideally be anywhere from 8:00 am - 9:45 am if possible. He must be on the plane by 10:15 am.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information. We greatly appreciate your help in trying to get this scheduled.

Thanks,  
Pam



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☞ "Emmitt, Beth (GOV)" ---09/29/2015 04:20:05 PM---Thanks Pam - I'll be in touch as soon as I can with what works best. From: Pamela M Headley [<mailto:headleyp@dteenergy.com>]

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Date: 09/29/2015 04:20 PM  
Subject: RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson

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Thanks Pam -- I'll be in touch as soon as I can with what works best.

**From:** Pamela M Headley [<mailto:headleyp@dteenergy.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 12:04 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** Nancy M Kosch <[koschn@dteenergy.com](mailto:koschn@dteenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson  
**Importance:** High

Hi Beth,

Thanks so much for taking my call this morning. As I mentioned, Gerry had a conversation with Governor Snyder yesterday afternoon at our Investor Day event about setting up some time to discuss energy policy and energy policy legislation. It is our hope that we could schedule a meeting face-to-face (this would be a one-on-one meeting), but if that is not possible then a phone call would be great. You mentioned looking at possibly trying to schedule this next week some time and so to help you with that I would like to offer a few dates and times that would work for Gerry's schedule. They are as follows:

Monday, October 5: Available in the morning for a meeting in Lansing or Ann Arbor  
Tuesday, October 6: Available in the afternoon after 2:30 pm for a meeting in Lansing (or could do a phone call after 1:00 pm)  
Wednesday, October 7: Available in the afternoon after 1:00 pm for a meeting in Ann Arbor  
Thursday, October 8: Available for a phone call in the morning between 8:00 am - 10:30 am  
Friday, October 9: Available for a phone call 9:15 am

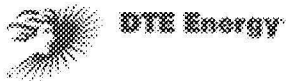
- 11:00 am, or in the afternoon for a meeting after 2:30 pm in Ann Arbor

Of course, if none of these options work please let me know and we'll do our very best to accommodate any time you may offer. I have copied Gerry's executive assistant, Nancy Kosch, on this email and she will be able to offer more regarding Gerry's availability and the flexibility of his schedule.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thanks so much for your help with this scheduling request. We look forward to hearing back from you shortly.

Pam



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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:21 AM  
**To:** Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)  
**Cc:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Briefings Tomorrow

Hi Jordan,

Is SW handling all of the Flint briefing materials for tomorrow? I know the day is still shaking out, but wanted to check in.

Thanks!  
Sarah

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**From:** Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 5:00 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: I'm on the phone - can't hang up

Well... they are in Flint with the Governor... so...???

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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 4:58 PM  
**To:** Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS) <[GrijalvaN@michigan.gov](mailto:GrijalvaN@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: I'm on the phone - can't hang up

Changed the apt to 11:00 am tomorrow. Will that work?

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**From:** Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 4:57 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** I'm on the phone - can't hang up  
**Importance:** High

I'll call you.

*Nancy*

Nancy Grijalva  
Assistant to Nick Lyon, Director  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services



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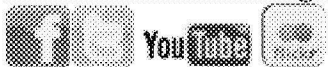
**From:** Dickinson, Jordan [Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 5:38 PM  
**To:** Brown, Eric (GOV); McBride, Bill (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Pallone, Maggie (DEQ); Murray, David (GOV); Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Cong. Kildee Response to Gov. Snyder Letter  
**Attachments:** 100715 Response to 100215 Snyder Letter.pdf; 09-22-15 Kildee Requesting Temporary Assistance for Lead in Flint Water.pdf; 03-27-15 - SRF Loan Forgiveness for Flint - EPA (McCarthy).pdf

Hi Everyone,

Please see the attached letter to Governor Snyder. Can you make sure he sees it? Congressman Kildee is looking forward to the call with Governor Snyder tomorrow to hear updates on the Flint water emergency.

Thank you,

**Jordan Dickinson**  
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October 7, 2015

Governor Rick Snyder  
Executive Office of the Governor  
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Lansing, Michigan 48909

Governor Snyder,

Thank you for your letter on October 2, 2015, regarding the state of Michigan's plans to respond to the crisis regarding the drinking water in Flint, Mich. I encourage you to immediately implement the action plan outlined so that Flint residents can have safe drinking water.

Moreover, you asked for my assistance in working with federal agencies to address this issue. Due to the urgent nature of this issue, I want to update you that my staff and I are working closely with Senators Stabenow and Peters and have been in communication with the appropriate agencies. I will continue to do everything I can to help address this issue at the federal level.

On September 22, 2015, I previously wrote letters to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Federal Emergency Management Agency requesting immediate assistance to provide safe drinking water to Flint.

In addition, on March 26, 2015, I sent a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency asking them to clarify if there is any statutory limitation on states to forgive the principal on loans made through the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Again, thank you for beginning to utilize your office's resources to help address the water quality in Flint. I look forward to working with you on the shared goal of helping the residents of Flint have safe drinking water.

Sincerely,

Dan Kildee  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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September 22, 2015

Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell  
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Administrator William Craig Fugate  
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Administrator Gina McCarthy  
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Director Tom Frieden  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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Secretary Burwell, Administrator McCarthy, Administrator Fugate and Director Frieden:

Recent developments regarding the level of lead in the water in one of the communities I represent, Flint, Mich., have raised significant concerns about the safety of its drinking water. For this reason, I am requesting immediate resources to provide safe drinking water to the residents of Flint until additional testing can be completed that confirms the water is safe, particularly for young children.

Although the city of Flint and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have conducted tests and taken the position that the lead level in the water is safe and below the action level, there are significant questions about the efficacy of their testing. In fact, Dr. Marc Edwards of Virginia Tech University, an established drinking water expert, conducted his own tests as part of a study that determined the water in Flint was above the lead action level.

Additionally, yesterday the Greater Flint Health Coalition, a group of health professionals in the community, released a report showing elevated blood lead levels in residents in Flint, particularly in young children. In response, the Coalition has requested that the Genesee County Health Department release a health advisory indicating that the water in Flint is unsafe to drink.

Thus, I am requesting resources from your agency to provide clean drinking water to the residents of Flint until additional testing can determine when the water will be safe to drink and a long-term solution can be implemented.

This is a serious health issue, particularly for young children, and until the water is demonstrated to be safe, immediate action must be taken to ensure Flint's residents have potable drinking water.

I look forward to working with you and thank you for your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Kildee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dan Kildee  
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March 26, 2015

Ms. Gina McCarthy  
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Dear Administrator McCarthy:

My office has reached out to both the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Congressional Research Service (CRS) to determine if there are any statutory limitations on states to forgive the principal on loans made through the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) program. After talking to both of these offices, there seems to be a difference in legal opinion between the two interpretations as to whether forgiveness of principal is statutorily allowed, and I am requesting further clarification.

The City of Flint, Mich., located in my district, continues to endure prolonged and severe financial stress due to the loss of thousands of manufacturing jobs, resulting in population loss and an erosion of its tax base. In an effort to improve the city's financial stability, Flint decided to end its 50-plus-year affiliation with the City of Detroit Water and Sewage Department in April of 2013. Instead, Flint would become a partner in the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) to bring raw water from Lake Huron to the city.

The water contract between the City of Detroit Water and Sewage Department and Flint was terminated in May of 2014. The KWA, however, will not be able to provide water to the city until its pipeline from Flint to Lake Huron is completed at the end of 2016. To fill the gap in service until the KWA is completed, Flint has turned to the Flint River as its current source for raw water. The Flint River has proven to have an inconsistent quality because of high levels of organic matter. Flint water officials have used high levels of trihalomethanes to treat the occasional elevated levels of organic matter in the water. On December 16, 2014, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality cited the city for being in violation of water standards determined by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) due to high levels of trihalomethanes. In accordance with the SDWA, a cautionary notice about the citation was subsequently sent to residents.

Since its citation, Flint has engaged local and state leaders to find a solution for the poor quality of the water. On February 3, 2015, the state gave the city close to \$2 million to hire consultants to assess the condition and find leaks in the water infrastructure system. While this funding is a step in the right direction, it is not nearly enough to significantly improve the water quality.

This background on Flint's water situation is to point out that the SDWA is intended to improve drinking water in America's cities, such as Flint, by creating water quality standards and funding the SDWSRF to invest in water infrastructure. In addition to the high levels of trihalomethanes, the poor condition of water infrastructure in Flint, regardless of the water's source, contributes to discolored and poor tasting water. Furthermore, Flint currently suffers an over 35 percent loss ratio of water between the treatment plant and the end user. In the past, Flint has benefitted from the SDWSRF and currently has close to \$22 million in outstanding loans from it that the city has used to repair the water system. The financial stress of making payments on these loans, however, has prevented the city from making the necessary ongoing investments to its water infrastructure.

To decrease the burden of these loans, on January 18, 2015, Flint requested that the state of Michigan, as the responsible party in appropriating funds from the SDWSRF to local governments, forgive part of the principal. The state responded that forgiving the principal is not an option as the state does not have the authority to do so.

In response to the state's reply, on February 10, 2015, my staff reached out to the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at the EPA to ask if they were aware of any statutory language that prevents principal forgiveness of loans made under the SDWSRF. On February 25, 2015, the EPA responded that they "could find ... no provision that would allow a state to [forgive an existing loan made from a Safe Drinking Water Act state revolving fund]."

On February 23, 2015, my staff also reached out to the CRS for their legal opinion on this matter. Although they could not find any precedent for doing so, the CRS did find two instances in statute that, in their opinion, allows states to forgive the principal on loans made through the SDWSRF.

First, SDWA sec. 1452(d)(1), 42 USC 300j-12(d)(1), states -- "Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, in any case in which the State makes a loan pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of this section to a disadvantaged community ..., the State may provide additional subsidization (including forgiveness of principal)."

Second, the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Pub. Law 113-235, states on page 296 -- "Provided further, [t]hat not less than 20 percent but not more than 30 percent of the funds made available under this title to each State for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grants shall be used by the State to provide additional subsidy to eligible recipients in the form of forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, or grants (or any combination of these), and shall be so used by the State only where such funds are provided as initial financing for an eligible recipient or to buy, refinance, or restructure the debt obligations of eligible recipients only where such debt was incurred on or after the date of enactment of this Act; ...."

The difference in opinion between EPA and CRS has created ambiguity for the affected parties. The ability of states to forgive portions of the principal on loans made through the SDWSRF could have a significant impact on the financial state of Flint and many other distressed municipalities across the county. I would appreciate clarification from you on what, according to EPA's interpretation of the law, statutorily prevents states from forgiving the principal on loans made under the SDWSRF.

Due to critical nature of the water quality in Flint and the impact that loan forgiveness could have on improving the quality of the water, I ask for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Kildee", with a stylized, flowing script.

Dan Kildee  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

cc:

Cathy Davis, EPA  
Eileen Deamer, EPA  
Robert Meltz, CRS

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**From:** Pamela M Headley <headleyp@dteenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2015 8:54 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Cc:** Nancy M Kosch  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson - Update

Hi Beth,

Good Morning! Just touching base to see where we're at with this meeting/call. Nancy gave you several dates and times for next week. Please let us know if you need anything else from us or what we can do to assist in getting this scheduled.

Thanks so much. . .both Nancy and I understand what a difficult job you have and really hate pestering you about this. Of course, I'm hoping you understand that pestering is unfortunately part of our jobs! : )

Take care,  
Pam



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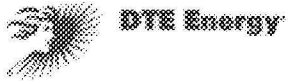
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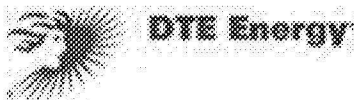
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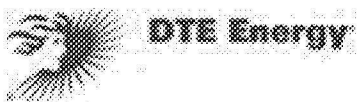
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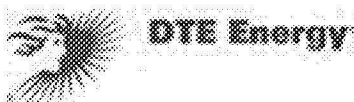
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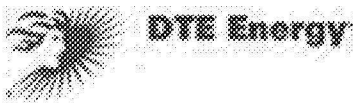
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Of course, if none of these options work please let me know and we'll do our very best to accommodate any time you may offer. I have copied Gerry's executive assistant, Nancy Kosch, on this email and she will be able to offer more regarding Gerry's availability and the flexibility of his schedule.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thanks so much for your help with this scheduling

request. We look forward to hearing back from you shortly.

Pam



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**Last interview:** 5/27/15 at Mackinac conference

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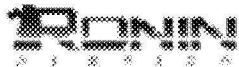
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**Subject:** DPTV media briefing for Wednesday

**RDS/SW- TAPED TV interview with Christy McDonald, Stephen Henderson and Ingrid Jacques on DPTV's MI Week**

**Date:** Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015

**Time:** 2:30-3 p.m.

**Location:** DPTV studios, 1 Clover Ct, Wixom, MI 48393

**Purpose:** To update listeners about your work to improve education in Detroit, discuss proposed legislation and why this impacts the rest of the state.

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**NOTE:** Nolan is on vacation in Paris, Ingrid is filling in for him. Segment will be live-streamed on DPTV's website but aired on Thursday.

**Last interview:** 6/5/15 with Ariel at Vets event, last MI week taping 3/20/15

**Market:** Detroit Metro / online – dptv.org

**Contact:** Daphne cell: [REDACTED] Back-up: Christy cell: [REDACTED]

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We have this on our list of requests and will get back with Steve as soon as we have an available time.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 12:01 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint After Action Call

I dont want to forget to ask if he's going to stay in the office for this or not. If you see ALS, can you ask?



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**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2015 10:06 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV); Manolakoudis, Virginia (GOV); Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint Phone Call

Happy Monday Ladies!

Harvey would like a conference call with the Governor, Rich and Jarrod either today after 1:30pm or anytime tomorrow regarding Flint. Will you please send me available times?

Thank you,  
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**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV); Baird, Richard (GOV)  
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Thanks Beth. This is good to know. We'll likely have the Governor reach out to her tomorrow to chat and confirm the Jan. 7 date and time. It would be great if you could send along what times he has available on the morning of Jan. 7, and I'll include it in his talking points.

Thank you!

- Meegan

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**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting with Governor Snyder

FYI for you both. Haven't responded yet because wasn't sure who all needed to be there from our side.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Maxine Murray <[mmurray@cityofflint.com](mailto:mmurray@cityofflint.com)>  
**Date:** December 23, 2015 at 9:27:33 AM EST  
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**From:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 24, 2015 11:33 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV); Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Subject:** Mayor Weaver call & meeting

Anyone talk to you yet about a call to Karen Weaver and potential meeting on Jan 7?  
And a Flint related press conference on Jan 13?



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**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 10:52 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Governor Snyder

Good morning Beth,

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Maxine

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<[mmurray@cityofflint.com](mailto:mmurray@cityofflint.com)<<mailto:mmurray@cityofflint.com>>> wrote:

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Thank you,

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**From:** Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 1:39 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** 9 am on wednesday

Can we place a flint pre meeting on schedule that includes rich and jarrod please.

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**From:** Maxine Murray [mmurray@cityofflint.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 5:02 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Governor Snyder

Good afternoon Beth,

Accompanying Mayor Weaver on Thursday to meet with the Governor will be three members of the Mayor's Transition Advisory Team:

1. Mr. Aonie Gilcreast
2. Mr. Joel Fergusoon
3. John D. Pirich

Thank you.

On Mon, Jan 4, 2016 at 10:52 AM, Maxine Murray <[mmurray@cityofflint.com](mailto:mmurray@cityofflint.com)> wrote:  
Good morning Beth,

We are confirmed for 9:00 am, Thursday, January 7th in the Governor's Office located in the George W. Romney Building, 2nd Floor, 111 S. Capitol in Lansing.

I will send you the name of the person accompanying Mayor Weaver shortly.

Thank you.

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On Mon, Jan 4, 2016 at 10:38 AM, Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Maxine -- can we confirm this meeting for Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am? It would be in the Governor's Office in the George W. Romney Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 111 S. Capitol, Lansing.

**From:** Maxine Murray [mailto:[mmurray@cityofflint.com](mailto:mmurray@cityofflint.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2015 9:28 AM

**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Governor Snyder

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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 10:37 AM  
**To:** Hansen, Rachel (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Mott foundation wants to talk to the Governor  
**Attachments:** image002.gif

Thanks Rach! I'll connect with Lisa on the time.

On Oct 2, 2015, at 10:35 AM, Hansen, Rachel (GOV) <[hansenr3@michigan.gov](mailto:hansenr3@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Beth! So this has been fun. Ridgway called the main line and talked to Jean, so I'm having Dan Wyant call him back today to discuss Flint water issues today and let him know that we'll connect him with the Gov on Monday.

[REDACTED] is who I have as his assistant, in case you don't have it: [REDACTED]

Let me know if you want me to handle this – I'm just not sure what time I should give him on Monday ☺

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**From:** Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 10:13 AM  
**To:** Helen Taylor <[htaylor@TNC.ORG](mailto:htaylor@TNC.ORG)>; Hansen, Rachel (GOV) <[hansenr3@michigan.gov](mailto:hansenr3@michigan.gov)>; Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** Wyant, Dan (DEQ) <[WyantD@michigan.gov](mailto:WyantD@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Mott foundation wants to talk to the Governor

Fine to do. Gov if flying today but we will get them connected on Monday

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2015, at 7:05 AM, Helen Taylor <[htaylor@TNC.ORG](mailto:htaylor@TNC.ORG)> wrote:

Allison—

I just got a call from Ridgway White, President of the C.S. Mott Foundation, and he wants to speak to the Governor about the Flint water supply issue. I am sure you know who they are, but to be sure, Ridgway kayaked with Rick on the Two Hearted, they put tens of millions into Flint every year, are based there, and likely to be willing to help resolve the problem.

He wasn't sure who to call to get that call scheduled, I told him I would do that through you, and he wanted to call you right away. I wanted to give you a heads up so you take the call. It would be wise for the Governor to this.

So you recognize the call and email when it comes in, his contact info is: [REDACTED]

I also reminded him that Dan is a key person in this and am giving him Dan's info, but it is clear that he wants to talk to the Governor.

I'll call your cell to be sure you see this—I think he is hoping to connect today. Let me know if you receive this and I hope it is ok to give Ridgway your info? Yes? Helen

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**Helen Taylor**  
*State Director, Michigan*  
*Great Lakes Project Board of Directors*

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Lansing, MI 48906

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[REDACTED] (Mobile)  
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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 4:12 PM  
**To:** Dickinson, Sarah (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: October 2 Weekend Briefing - EDITS???

I think it looks good

On Oct 2, 2015, at 3:47 PM, Dickinson, Sarah (GOV) <[Dickinson5@michigan.gov](mailto:Dickinson5@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Want to look at really quick? Any glaring errors?

Governor,

Attached is your Weekend Briefing for October 2. The briefing contains:

- October 5th – October 16th Calendar – Pages 2 – 33

**Events**

- Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club – Pages 34 - 35
- CMU Tour with President Ross – Pages 36 - 38
- Michigan Works! Annual Conference – Pages 39 - 47
  - Briefing
  - Potential Questions for VIP Q&A Session
  - VIP Q&A Attendee List
  - Michigan Works! Merger Diagram

**Meetings**

- Call to Ridgway White – Page 48
- People Group Budget Hearing Presentation – Pages 49 - 53
- TED Update Briefing – Pages 54 - 74
- Economic Strength Budget Hearing Presentation – Pages 75 - 78

**For Review**

- 2015 State Universities Summit – Pages 79 - 86
  - Briefing
  - Letter from the Presidents Re: General Fund
- Syrian Refugee Update – Pages 87 - 96
  - Syrian Refugee Memo
  - Refugee Arrival Spreadsheet
- KMcPhee Education Update – Pages 97 - 98
- Communications and Outreach Report – Page 99
- DTMB Project Portfolio – Attached Separately

**Signed Letters**

- Regional Innovation Strategies Support Letter – Page 100
- Congressman Kildee Flint Water Update – Page 101
- Senator Peters Flint Water Update – Page 102
- Senator Stabenow Flint Water Update – Page 103

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Sarah

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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 8:49 AM  
**To:** Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Cal update

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott, Allison (GOV)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 8:41 AM  
To: Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
Subject: Cal update

Add at 12:30/12:40 Dan Wyant to call re flint water update

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 10:55 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Cc:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint

[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/10/whats\\_next\\_for\\_water\\_filter\\_di.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/10/whats_next_for_water_filter_di.html)

This Friday afternoon he could visit one of the sites, talk to the CEO of United Way.

-----Original Message-----

From: Murray, David (GOV)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 10:53 AM  
To: Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <[AgenJ@michigan.gov](mailto:AgenJ@michigan.gov)>  
Cc: Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>  
Subject: Re: Flint

I think this is a good idea. One think we keep hearing is that the governor is not involved or is detached. The Mike Thompson cartoon in the Freep last week is getting a lot of mileage on social media.

This would be good to show he's there and cares. And if we don't announce until he's there we can avoid the protests -- and still get the optics.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 6, 2015, at 10:49 AM, Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <[AgenJ@michigan.gov](mailto:AgenJ@michigan.gov)> wrote:  
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> Don't forward or spread this around, but give me your take.  
> I think we may need to get G into Flint this week.  
> Unpublicized, but public. Filter distribution, testing visit, discussion with Superintendent, etc...  
> (And probably again next week.)  
>  
> We should at least present the option of what a potential visit would look like.  
>  
> Can you think about it and let me know how we'd do it.  
> I know it would require blowing up a day or part of a day.  
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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 1:10 PM  
**To:** Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Thursday morning

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott, Allison (GOV)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 1:09 PM  
To: Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
Subject: Thursday morning

Gov will need to go to flint

Gov can advise what he would like to preserve and push back rather than reschedule

Good luck !

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:11 AM  
**To:** 'Pamela M Headley'  
**Cc:** 'Nancy M Kosch'  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson - Update

Hi Pam,

We have had a lot going on this week with Transportation and the Flint water situation, and thank you for your patience. We have the Governor scheduled to leave as soon as the breakfast is over on Friday to go to another stop. However, I'll check to see if the logistics would present an option for a quick pull aside that morning. If not, we will be able to look into the following week for the call.

Thank you!  
Beth

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**From:** Pamela M Headley [mailto:headleyp@dteenergy.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:06 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <emmittb@michigan.gov>  
**Cc:** 'Nancy M Kosch' <koschn@dteenergy.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson - Update  
**Importance:** High

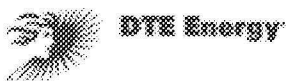
Hi Beth,

I left a message for you yesterday afternoon, but I thought I would send you an email as well. I'm not sure where things are with scheduling, but I spoke with Gerry's assistant, Nancy Kosch, and learned that the Governor and Gerry may be at the same breakfast on Friday morning in Detroit. The event is the Goodfellows Tribute Breakfast and we understand that both are scheduled to sit on the dais for this breakfast event. We were wondering if possibly there might be time for a conversation between the two of them on Friday morning, maybe following the event.

Also, tomorrow (October 8) Gerry will be flying to Ohio and so his time for phone call would ideally be anywhere from 8:00 am - 9:45 am if possible. He must be on the plane by 10:15 am.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information. We greatly appreciate your help in trying to get this scheduled.

Thanks,  
Pam



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☞ "Emmitt, Beth (GOV)" ---09/29/2015 04:20:05 PM---Thanks Pam - I'll be in touch as soon as I can with what works best. From: Pamela M Headley [mailto:

From: "Emmitt, Beth (GOV)" <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
To: 'Pamela M Headley' <[headleyp@dteenergy.com](mailto:headleyp@dteenergy.com)>  
Cc: 'Nancy M Kosch' <[koschn@dteenergy.com](mailto:koschn@dteenergy.com)>  
Date: 09/29/2015 04:20 PM  
Subject: RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson

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Thanks Pam -- I'll be in touch as soon as I can with what works best.

**From:** Pamela M Headley [mailto:[headleyp@dteenergy.com](mailto:headleyp@dteenergy.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 12:04 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** Nancy M Kosch <[koschn@dteenergy.com](mailto:koschn@dteenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson  
**Importance:** High

Hi Beth,

Thanks so much for taking my call this morning. As I mentioned, Gerry had a conversation with Governor Snyder yesterday afternoon at our Investor Day event about setting up some time to discuss energy policy and energy policy legislation. It is our hope that we could schedule a meeting face-to-face (this would be a one-on-one meeting), but if that is not possible then a phone call would be great. You mentioned looking at possibly trying to schedule this next week some time and so to help you with that I would like to offer a few dates and times that would work for Gerry's schedule. They are as follows:

Monday, October 5: Available in the morning for a meeting in Lansing or Ann Arbor  
Tuesday, October 6: Available in the afternoon after 2:30 pm for a meeting in Lansing (or could do a phone call after 1:00 pm)  
Wednesday, October 7: Available in the afternoon after 1:00 pm for a meeting in Ann Arbor  
Thursday, October 8: Available for a phone call in the morning between 8:00 am - 10:30 am  
Friday, October 9: Available for a phone call 9:15 am - 11:00 am, or in the afternoon for a meeting after 2:30 pm in Ann Arbor

Of course, if none of these options work please let me know and we'll do our very best to accommodate any time you may offer. I have copied Gerry's executive assistant, Nancy Kosch, on

this email and she will be able to offer more regarding Gerry's availability and the flexibility of his schedule.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thanks so much for your help with this scheduling request. We look forward to hearing back from you shortly.

Pam



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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 2:49 PM  
**To:** Heaton, Anna (GOV)  
**Cc:** Utley, Corey (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Line-by-line updated

I updated the appointment. Thanks!

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**From:** Heaton, Anna (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 2:32 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** Utley, Corey (GOV) <[UtleyC@michigan.gov](mailto:UtleyC@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Line-by-line updated

Per Jarrod, Nick Lyon & the dr. from DHHS both need to be included, therefore he make a brief comment and will introduce her. Also per Sara, we need 10 mins. for Q&A. Let me know if this is ok.

**Flint PC – 10/8/15**  
**Mott Foundation Conference Center**  
**503 S. Saginaw St., Ground Floor**

10:00 AM – 10:01 AM Harvey Hollins kicks off press conference; introduces Governor  
10:01 AM – 10:05 AM Governor gives remarks  
10:05 AM – 10:06 AM Harvey Hollins introduces Mayor Dayne Walling  
10:06 AM – 10:10 AM Mayor Walling gives remarks  
10:10 AM – 10:11 AM Harvey Hollins introduces DEQ Director Dan Wyant  
10:11 AM – 10:15 AM Director Wyant gives remarks  
10:15 AM – 10:16 AM Harvey Hollins introduces DHHS Director Nick Lyon  
10:16 AM – 10:17 AM Director Nick Lyon brief comments, introduces Dr. Eden Wells  
10:17 AM – 10:20 AM Dr. Eden Wells remarks  
10:20 AM – 10:21 AM Harvey Hollins introduces Ridgway White of Mott Foundation  
10:21 AM – 10:25 AM Ridgway White gives remarks  
10:25 AM – 10:35 AM Q&A from the podium  
10:35 AM Event concludes; Governor departs

**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 5:00:13 PM  
**To:** Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS)  
**Subject:** RE: I'm on the phone - can't hang up

G will be half way back by then J

**From:** Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 5:00 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <emmittb@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: I'm on the phone - can't hang up

Well... they are in Flint with the Governor... so... ???

**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 4:58 PM  
**To:** Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS) <{HYPERLINK "mailto:GrijalvaN@michigan.gov"}>  
**Subject:** RE: I'm on the phone - can't hang up

Changed the apt to 11:00 am tomorrow. Will that work?

**From:** Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 4:57 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <{HYPERLINK "mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov"}>  
**Subject:** I'm on the phone - can't hang up  
**Importance:** High

I'll call you.

**Nancy**

Nancy Grijalva

Assistant to Nick Lyon, Director

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2015 9:00 AM  
**To:** 'Pamela M Headley'  
**Cc:** 'Nancy M Kosch'; Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson - Update

Hello to you both. I know it doesn't normally take this long to get approval for requests, and it is not personal or because of the issue. However, there have been some urgent issues that have taken center stage this week.

We'll do our best to get you an answer by tomorrow.

Thanks again for your patience!  
Beth

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**From:** Pamela M Headley [mailto:headleyp@dteenergy.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2015 8:54 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <emmittb@michigan.gov>  
**Cc:** Nancy M Kosch <koschn@dteenergy.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson - Update

Hi Beth,

Good Morning! Just touching base to see where we're at with this meeting/call. Nancy gave you several dates and times for next week. Please let us know if you need anything else from us or what we can do to assist in getting this scheduled.

Thanks so much. . both Nancy and I understand what a difficult job you have and really hate pestering you about this. Of course, I'm hoping you understand that pestering is unfortunately part of our jobs! : )

Take care,  
Pam



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▽ Nancy M Kosch---10/07/2015 10:57:13 AM---Hi Beth - Thanks for getting back to us. I'm listing some options below when Gerry would be availab

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Date: 10/07/2015 10:57 AM  
Subject: RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson - Update

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Hi Beth - Thanks for getting back to us. I'm listing some options below when Gerry would be available for a phone call with the Governor. Please let me know if any of these options will work. Thank you!

Monday, Oct. 12th: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 13th: 12:30 - 2:00 PM or 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 14th: 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Thursday, Oct. 15th: 8:00 AM - Noon

Nancy Kosch  
(313) 235-8881

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**Cc:** 'Nancy M Kosch' <koschn@dteenergy.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson - Update  
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2015 9:56 AM  
**To:** Dickinson, Sarah (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Snyder Media Advisory for Thursday, Oct. 8

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**From:** GOV Newsroom [mailto:govnewsroom@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 6:13 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <emmittb@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** Snyder Media Advisory for Thursday, Oct. 8



Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015  
Contact: [Sara Wurfel](#) or [Dave Murray](#)  
Office: 517-335-6397

**Editor's Note: This advisory is for media planning purposes only and not for publication.**

**Thursday, Oct. 8 at 10 a.m.**

Gov. Rick Snyder will make an announcement regarding the Flint water system. He will be joined by Flint Mayor Dayne Walling, Director of Environmental Quality, Dan Wyant, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, Nick Lyon, Dr. Eden Wells, Chief Medical Executive at DHHS, and Ridgway White of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

A livestream option is also available at [www.michigan.gov/snyderlive](http://www.michigan.gov/snyderlive). If you wish to embed the event please visit <http://new.livestream.com/snyderlive> for more information.

Media must present valid press credentials on site.

**Location:**

Mott Foundation/Commerce Center Building – Conference Center, Ground Floor  
519 S. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI

**Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.**

Snyder will offer remarks at the Celebration of Life Gala supporting Magen David Adom (Israel's

national 911 and emergency services).

Media must present valid press credentials on site.

**Location:**

Adat Shalom Synagogue  
29901 Middlebelt Rd.  
Farmington Hills, MI

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 3:34 PM  
**To:** Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Meeting w/Governor & Gerry Anderson - Update

Ok to add tomorrow morning during his drive back here?

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**From:** Nancy M Kosch [mailto:[koschn@dteenergy.com](mailto:koschn@dteenergy.com)]  
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Thanks for your reply, Beth. Of course we understand and will wait to hear from you whenever you can.

Nancy Kosch  
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Hello to you both. I know it doesn't normally take this long to get approval for requests, and it is not personal or because of the issue. However, there have been some urgent issues that have taken center stage this week.

We'll do our best to get you an answer by tomorrow.

Thanks again for your patience!  
Beth

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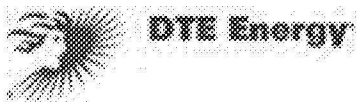
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Hi Beth,

Good Morning! Just touching base to see where we're at with this meeting/call. Nancy gave you several dates and times for next week. Please let us know if you need anything else from us or what we can do to assist in getting this scheduled.

Thanks so much. . . both Nancy and I understand what a difficult job you have and really hate pestering you about this. Of course, I'm hoping you understand that pestering is unfortunately part of our jobs! : )

Take care,  
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Thank you!  
Beth

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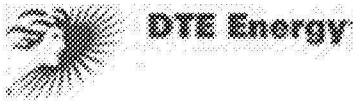
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**To:** Clayton, Stacie (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint Meeting on Wed

Yes- added Harvey's cell to the appointment

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**From:** Clayton, Stacie (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 12:23 PM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Flint Meeting on Wed

Hi Beth,

Can Harvey call in for the 9am mtg on Wednesday? He has a meeting in Detroit with Peter Cummings and Treasury at 11am.

**Stacie**

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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
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**To:** Biehl, Laura (GOV); Bedan, Morgan (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Media briefing: Mildred Gaddis show for today

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**Contact:** 313-877-8149; Back-up: Chamonix Reed- producer: [REDACTED]

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They said only if he wants them to. If you think he'll want someone up there, add Sara. Otherwise, she'll plan to listen down here.

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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 12:51 PM  
**To:** Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Cc:** Bedan, Morgan (GOV)  
**Subject:** Should we plan on him staying here until 5:00 or will he do the flint call from the car?

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**From:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 22, 2015 3:07 PM  
**To:** Maxine Murray  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Governor Snyder

Thank you!

On Dec 22, 2015, at 2:46 PM, Maxine Murray <[mmurray@cityofflint.com](mailto:mmurray@cityofflint.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon Beth,

I am working on the calendar and will contact you shortly.

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Maxine Murray  
Executive Assistant to  
Dr. Karen W. Weaver, Mayor  
City of Flint  
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Flint, MI 48502  
810.237.2035 Telephone  
810.766.7218 Fax

On Tue, Dec 22, 2015 at 12:41 PM, Emmitt, Beth (GOV) <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Hello Maxine,

We would like to schedule a meeting for the Governor and Mayor Weaver in the Lansing office in early January. Could you please let me know if she would be able to come to Lansing on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, the morning of Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> or on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>?

Thank you,

**Beth Emmitt**

Director of Scheduling,

Executive Office of Governor Snyder

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**To:** Holland, Meegan (GOV); Baird, Richard (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting with Governor Snyder

FYI for you both. Haven't responded yet because wasn't sure who all needed to be there from our side.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Maxine Murray <[mmurray@cityofflint.com](mailto:mmurray@cityofflint.com)>  
**Date:** December 23, 2015 at 9:27:33 AM EST  
**To:** "Emmitt, Beth (GOV)" <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Governor Snyder

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**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 10:39 AM  
**To:** 'Maxine Murray'  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Governor Snyder

Maxine -- can we confirm this meeting for Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am? It would be in the Governor's Office in the George W. Romney Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 111 S. Capitol, Lansing.

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**Subject:** T/C Agen/McBride re Flint Water  
**Location:** Jarrod calling 202.624.3588  
  
**Start:** Wed 10/21/2015 2:30 PM  
**End:** Wed 10/21/2015 3:00 PM  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Accepted  
  
**Organizer:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Required Attendees:** McBride, Bill (GOV)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2015 3:28 PM  
**To:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Briefing for elected officials on Flint water

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2015 3:26 PM  
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I apologize that I didn't include information for a call in number in the first email. For those that will be calling in the information is below. Please let me know if you will be calling in as well.

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**From:** Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 7:43 PM  
**To:** 'Ananich, Senator Jim '; 'Neeley, Rep Sheldon'; 'Phelps, Rep Phil'  
**Cc:** 'Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov'; 'dwalling@cityofflint.com';  
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(DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ);  
Cook, Pat (DEQ)  
**Subject:** MDEQ response to letter regarding Flint water  
**Attachments:** Flint Water Response.pdf

Attached please find the MDEQ's response to your September 10, 2015, letter regarding Flint drinking water.

Thank you,  
Heather Feuerstein  
Management Assistant to  
Maggie Pallone, Deputy Director and  
Brad Wurfel, Communications Director  
Department of Environmental Quality  
517.284.6715



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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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LANSING



DAN WYANT  
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September 17, 2015

VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Jim Ananich  
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State Capitol  
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Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

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P.O. Box 30014  
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The Honorable Phil Phelps  
State Representative  
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Dear Senator Ananich and Representatives Neeley and Phelps:

Thank you for your letter of September 10, 2015, regarding water quality in the city of Flint (City). Your interest in this matter is appreciated. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) takes seriously its responsibility to ensure safe drinking water for all Michigan residents. The MDEQ maintains a robust public water supply regulatory program through long-standing partnerships with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the state's regulated public water systems.

With respect to the draft memo referenced in your letter, the MDEQ does not review or receive draft memos from the USEPA, nor would we expect to while it is a draft.

Regulations associated with lead, copper, and corrosion control require communities to monitor water quality at customer taps. The monitoring protocols for sampling home water attempt to represent actual home water use, and they allow the MDEQ to get consistent results for year-over-year comparisons.

It is important to recognize that any home with lead plumbing or service connections will impart some amount of lead to water samples. While the compliance monitoring for lead in the City has not exceeded the federally-established Action Level, either before or after the City switched sources and treatment methods, there has always been

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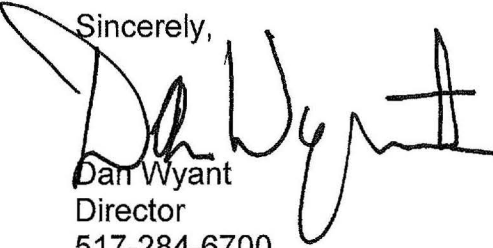
detectable lead in the City's water sampling program for homes that have lead plumbing or service connections. The City's monitoring program's purpose is to show aggregated levels throughout the entire system, not individual home levels.

The law requires the City to provide individual lead results to customers whose homes are sampled for compliance with the Action Level. Each customer with an individual sample result that exceeds 15 parts per billion is provided information on actions they can take to limit lead exposure in their drinking water. System-wide results from the most recent lead compliance monitoring are included each year in the City's annual Consumer Confidence Report, which is provided to customers and available online.

It is important to note that the City performed extensive home water tests for lead and copper last year and this year, and is meeting state and federal drinking water standards. Local health departments also administer annual blood level testing on children in Flint; results show no discernable rise in levels that might be expected if there was an elevated lead level in the City water supply. The City currently has no unresolved violations of state and federal drinking water standards.

The MDEQ continues to work with the City and federal regulators on the shared goal of ensuring safe, reliable drinking water in this community.

I look forward to discussing this issue in greater detail at the meeting next week. If you should have additional questions before then, please contact Ms. Maggie Pallone, Deputy Director, Policy and Legislative Affairs, at 517-284-6715 or [pallonem@michigan.gov](mailto:pallonem@michigan.gov); or you may contact me.

Sincerely,  
  
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Director  
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**To:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Briefing for elected officials on Flint water

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Hi Maggie,

Senator Ananich has come to the conclusion that this meeting must also have staff from DHHS Childhood Lead Poisoning and Prevention team as well as a medical officer from DHHS, preferably an epidemiologist or a physician that who works with incidences of elevated lead.

Thank you for your help,

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Here we go...

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Statement. And invitation from Flint Journal for comment...

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**From:** Rivard, Mitchell [<mailto:Mitchell.Rivard@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2015 3:02 PM  
**To:** Rivard, Mitchell  
**Subject:** STATEMENT: Congressman Dan Kildee Calls For Additional "Independent and Scientific" Testing to Ensure Safety of Flint's Water

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Monday, September 21, 2015

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Heads up. Flint journal asked for comment on Kildee statement.

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"The state much appreciated the opportunity to explain its role in regulating drinking water systems – in particular, the fact that the water supply presently meets all state and federal water quality standards but that homes with lead service connections and lead plumbing are and always have been imparting some part-per-billion of lead, which is a concern.

"We were pleased to conclude the meeting with the shared commitment to bring a local, state and federal partnership to address this issue through the City's technical advisory team. Given issues like the proposed federal grant forgiveness or the call for system-wide replacement of home lead connections to address the long-term issue, the leadership of our congressional delegation will be of critical importance."

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**From:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 3:13 PM  
**To:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: flint journal piece today

Sometimes Dan is such a grandstander that it is hard to take him seriously. This is such an important and difficult issue that the last thing the people of Flint need is more hyperbole. The ministers we work with have been working night and day to help people there and we've been in constant contact. They really aren't being helped by Dan and he can be such an important and valuable force and resource when he wants to be.

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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
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**To:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <muchmored@michigan.gov>; Hollins, Harvey (GOV) <hollinsh@michigan.gov>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>; Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>; Brown, Jessica (GOV) <BrownJ53@michigan.gov>; Brown, Eric (GOV) <BrownE15@michigan.gov>  
**Cc:** Wyant, Dan (DEQ) <WyantD@michigan.gov>; Busch, Stephen (DEQ) <BUSCHS@michigan.gov>; Pallone, Maggie (DEQ) <PalloneM@michigan.gov>; Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ) <TommasuloK@michigan.gov>  
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[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/kildee\\_says\\_independent\\_tests.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/kildee_says_independent_tests.html)

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**From:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 10:32 AM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Consumer Notice (draft) - city of Flint  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.htm

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What Flint is proposing to announce today.  
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**Cc:** "Benzie, Richard (DEQ)" <BENZIER@michigan.gov>, "Busch, Stephen (DEQ)" <BUSCHS@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** Consumer Notice (draft) - city of Flint

Brad,

Mr. Howard Kroft from the city of Flint has prepared a draft Public Health Advisory regarding lead in drinking water that he intends to publish today. Mr. Kroft requested us to review the draft advisory and make any revisions as needed. Attached is a copy of the draft advisory along with our tracked changes. If there are any further edits you see fit, let me know. Also, I will be out of the office today after 11am. Thanks.

Michael Prysby, P.E.

District Engineer  
Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance  
517 290-8817

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**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 10:41 AM  
**To:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint

Dennis sent a note to Gov asking if he wants more info and telling him that Kildee wants a calls.

We will ultimately have to do a call. Don't see how we avoid it. But should be time of our choosing and Gov needs more thorough update beforehand.

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**From:** Brown, Eric (GOV)  
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Clean action plan updated to reflect meeting. Josh, this is the wording you can use for the graphic (unless, you know, we change it again 😊).

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Here's the news release. Please send me any changes.

We're hoping to get a quote from Nick, as well as contact info on how people can get a water filter.

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## **Michigan leaders announce action plan for Flint drinking water**

Local, state and federal leaders today announced a comprehensive action plan for drinking water in Flint, designed to address both the short- and long-term needs of residents.

The action plan focuses on increasing water testing, offering additional precautions for families with lead plumbing in their homes, and providing long-term solutions to address the city's water infrastructure.

"We are deeply concerned by the lead results we are seeing in parts of Flint," Snyder said. "Although we know the water leaving Flint's drinking water system is safe to drink, some families with lead plumbing on their property experience higher levels of lead in the water that comes out of their faucets. We are concerned for those families, and we created this action plan to address their immediate needs as well as the long-term needs of all Flint residents."

The city and the state also are working together to gather more data to ensure the water that leaves the treatment plant as well as the water that arrives in Flint homes is safe for all residents. The plan includes:

- Immediately test Flint public schools to ensure that drinking water is safe. Testing also will be available at no cost to any other school in Flint.
- Expand health exposure testing of individual residences.
- Offer water testing at no cost to Flint residents to assure water is safe.
- Begin optimizing corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.



- Convene a “Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee” to ensure the best technology, practices and science are being utilized, and add an expert from the EPA’s Office of Research and Development to the group.
- Accelerate water system improvements to address replacement of lead service lines.
- Expedite completion of Karegnondi Water Authority.
- Gov. Rick Snyder names Dr. Eden Wells as the Flint Drinking Water Public Health Advisor.
- Provide water filters to residents of Flint.
- Expand a comprehensive lead education initiative.

Local, state and federal leaders announced the plan at a press conference today at Kettering University’s Innovation Center in Flint. Participants included:

- Harvey Hollins, Director of Snyder’s Office of Urban Initiatives
- Dan Wyant, Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Nick Lyon, Director for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Dr. Eden Wells, Flint Drinking Water Public Health Adviser
- Dayne Walling, Mayor of Flint

“This action plan offers concrete steps we will take in a local, state and federal partnership to ensure all Flint residents have safe water to drink,” Wyant said. “The DEQ will work closely with the city to gather further data to ensure the water that leaves Flint’s system as well as the water that arrives in Flint homes is safe to drink.”

To have your water tested, call 810-787-6537 and press 1, or email [flintwater@cityofflint.com](mailto:flintwater@cityofflint.com). For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/flintwater](http://www.michigan.gov/flintwater).

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# Flint Drinking Water Action Plan

## Talking Points

### Overall Messaging

- Repeated testing shows the water leaving Flint's drinking water system is safe to drink and meets all federal guidelines, including lead.
- After the switch to the Flint River, the compliance testing protocol yielded results of 6 ppb in December 2014 and 11 ppb in June 2015. Both results were below the federal action level of 15 ppb.
- However, we recognize some residents experience higher levels of lead in the water that comes out of their faucets because of lead plumbing in the home, and that's a concern.
- Out of an abundance of caution, we want to address the needs of all Flint families, and so we have developed an action plan that includes both short- and long-term solutions.
- The state plan focuses on increasing water testing, offering additional precautions for families, and providing long-term solutions to address the city's water infrastructure.

### Messaging regarding the action plan

The city and the state are working together to gather more data to ensure the water that leaves the treatment plant as well as the water that arrives in Flint homes is safe for all residents.

- **Immediately test Flint public schools to ensure that drinking water is safe. Testing will also be available at no cost to any other school in Flint.**
  - Although Flint's drinking water meets all federal requirements, the state wants to take extra steps to ensure that drinking water is safe for the city's children.
  - The state will fund this testing (about \$30,000) at no cost to the city or the local schools, and make the results publicly available.
- **Expand health exposure testing of individual residences.**
  - To double-check its data as well as provide residents with an additional layer of assurance, the DEQ will conduct more tests at Flint properties.
  - The Technical Advisory Committee will determine the scope of this expanded testing.
- **Offer water testing at no cost to Flint residents to assure water is safe.**
  - Although all testing indicates water in the city of Flint meets all federal standards, we understand some residents are concerned.
  - To ensure water in individual homes is safe, free water testing is available to all Flint residents.
  - We encourage anyone with a concern to get their water tested.
  - Contact the city water department to have your water tested.
- **Begin optimizing corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.**

- A fully optimized corrosion control system can help coat the inside of pipes to minimize the amount of lead that enters the drinking water after it leaves the treatment plant.
- This is a helpful step that can help minimize lead system-wide, and we're pleased the city is moving to take this step.
- If asked: This was not initially required because a fully optimized corrosion control system is not federally required in many water systems. Even today, since Flint is meeting all federal standards, this fully optimized system is not required. However, to address public concerns and ensure every possible precaution is taken, the city is moving forward with installing this corrosion control system.
- **Convene a "Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee" to ensure the best technology, practices and science are being utilized, and add an expert from the EPA's Office of Research and Development to the group.**
  - The Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee will meet Oct. 7 to discuss fully optimizing the corrosion control system, expanding testing of at-risk properties, and other topics.
  - Tom Burke, the Deputy Assistant Administrator of EPA's Office of Research and Development as well as the EPA's Science Advisor, will participate on the committee. Prior to joining EPA, he held prominent positions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and founded the Johns Hopkins Risk Sciences and Public Policy Institute. He brings substantial expertise, and we're pleased he is able to join the committee.
- **Accelerate water system improvements to address replacement of lead service lines.**
  - Regardless of the drinking water source – whether it be DWSD, the Flint River or Lake Huron – the only permanent fix for lead is to replace all 18,000 of the private lead service lines in the city. These are the lines on private property that lead from the curb to individual homes.
  - This is a problem in communities statewide, and one we want to address with a long-term solution.
  - The state and EPA are working together to find a way for the city to access Drinking Water Revolving Loan funds for the work.
- **Expedite completion of Karegnondi Water Authority.**
  - The move to the Flint River was always a temporary measure until the connection to the KWA and to Lake Huron was completed.
  - This is the ultimate goal of the venture, and the state and locals will work together to speed up completion of the connection.
- **Governor Snyder names Dr. Eden Wells as Flint Drinking Water Public Health Advisor.**
  - Dr. Wells is the Director for the Preventive Medicine Residency at the University of Michigan School of Public Health in Ann Arbor as well as the Chief Medical Executive for MDHHS.

- She brings years of experience in epidemiology and preventative medicine to the issue, and we're thrilled to have her expertise.
- Dr. Wells will coordinate with Hurley Medical Center to share data on blood lead levels in children, as well as address other emerging issues.
- **Provide water filters to residents of Flint.**
  - As an additional precaution, water filters will be available to low-income families.
  - This provides another safeguard to ensure everyone in the city of Flint has access to clean drinking water that they feel confident drinking.
- **Expand a comprehensive lead education initiative.**
  - Lead plumbing is common in homes built prior to 1986, and anyone in the state with lead pipes in their home can take some extra precautions to minimize lead in their drinking water.
  - It takes time for lead to accumulate in drinking water from plumbing, and so flushing your pipes prior to using them can minimize your exposure.
    - To flush your pipes, run the water until it's as cold as it will go. This can take as little as 5 to 30 seconds if you have recently flushed the toilet or otherwise used water in your home, or as long as 2 to 5 minutes if you have not used any water in hours.
    - In the city of Flint, running the water for 5 minutes only costs about 3-16 cents, depending on your faucet.
  - Additionally, more lead gets into hot water than cold water. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula.

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These are our talking points.

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**From:** Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)  
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Angela

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**From:** Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 3:43 PM  
**To:** Minicuci, Angela (DHHS) <[MinicuciA@michigan.gov](mailto:MinicuciA@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** talking points

Can you send on?

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## Blood Lead Levels in Flint Talking Points

October 1, 2015

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- Initial analysis of MDHHS data found that blood lead levels (BLLs) of children in Flint have followed the seasonal trend.
- While this analysis of blood lead levels in Flint as a whole remains true, after a comprehensive and detailed review down to the zip code level, we have found that state numbers are consistent with those presented by Hurley.
- Director Lyon is working closely with DEQ and the administration to take active steps to reduce all potential lead exposures in Flint, and across the state.
- Our Chief Medical Executive has been in communication with the lead investigator at Hurley Children's Hospital, and we continue to work with Hurley, the city of Flint, local and state leaders to verify and analyze data trends.
- Zip code-level data does show that there has been an increase in elevated childhood blood lead levels in specific communities.
  - This does not conclusively mean that the water source change is the cause of the increase, but data does show an association.
  - Lead exposure can occur from a number of different sources (such as paint, gasoline, solder, and consumer products) and through different pathways (such as air, food, water, dust, and soil).
  - Although there are several exposure sources, lead-based paint is the most widespread and dangerous high-dose source of lead exposure for young children.
- We reviewed MDHHS statewide data using the same methodology used by Hurley, looking at our numbers by zip code and age ranges, and filtering out non-Flint children.
- Routine surveillance of blood lead levels does not analyze data down to the zip code level. Detailed analysis like this occurs when there is reason to focus in on precise locations or populations.
- MDHHS will be working closely with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Hurley Children's Hospital, the Genesee County Health Department, and community organizations to initiate further action steps.
- We understand that cost may be a barrier to following the recommendations of the local health department. We are actively working with public and private partners to make resources available to those who may need assistance.
- MDHHS is recommending that residents follow the Public Health Advisory issued by the Genesee County Health Department, as well as take further steps to reduce exposures to all forms of lead in and around their homes.

*MDHHS Stats and Facts*

- **Data charts/breakdowns and explanations**

- Lead abatement through MDHHS was federally funded up until FY14 when Michigan began providing additional funds to abate homes.
- In FY14, \$1.25M General Fund was added. In FY15, General Fund was bumped up to \$1.75M and FY16, General Fund remains at \$1.75M.

### *Reducing and Removing Lead Exposure*

- In housing built before 1978, it can be assumed that the paint has lead unless tests show otherwise.
- Make sure your child does not have access to peeling paint or chewable surfaces painted with lead-based paint.
- Children and pregnant women should not be present in housing built before 1978 that is undergoing renovation. They should not participate in activities that disturb old paint or in cleaning up paint debris after work is completed.
- Create barriers between living/play areas and lead sources. Until environmental clean-up is completed, you should clean and isolate all sources of lead.
  - Close and lock doors to keep children away from chipping or peeling paint on walls. You can also apply temporary barriers such as contact paper or duct tape, to cover holes in walls or to block children's access to other sources of lead.
- Regularly wash children's hands and toys. Hands and toys can become contaminated from household dust or exterior soil. Both are known lead sources.
- Regularly wet-mop floors and wet-wipe window components. Because household dust is a major source of lead, you should wet-mop floors and wet-wipe horizontal surfaces every 2-3 weeks.
  - Windowsills and wells can contain high levels of leaded dust. They should be kept clean. If feasible, windows should be shut to prevent abrasion of painted surfaces or opened from the top sash.
- Take off shoes when entering the house to prevent bringing lead-contaminated soil in from outside.
- Prevent children from playing in bare soil; if possible, provide them with sandboxes. Plant grass on areas of bare soil or cover the soil with grass seed, mulch, or wood chips, if possible.
  - Until the bare soil is covered, move play areas away from bare soil and away from the sides of the house. If you have a sandbox, cover the box when not in use to prevent cats from using it as a litter box. That will help protect children from exposure to animal waste.
- Avoid using makeup, containers, cookware, or tableware to store or cook foods or liquids that are not shown to be lead free.
- Remove recalled toys and toy jewelry immediately from children.



- Use only cold water from the tap for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Hot water is more likely to contain higher levels of lead. Most of the lead in household water usually comes from the plumbing in your house, not from the local water supply.
- Shower and change clothes after finishing a task that involves working with lead-based products such as stained glass, making bullets, or using a firing range.

#### *WIC Children*

- # of families on WIC in Flint
- In homes with infants on WIC, if the household has documentation from an official source of unsanitary water supply issues, that family may be eligible to receive ready-to-feed formula. Families should contact WIC to see if they are eligible.
- Each household would have to be looked at on an individual basis.
- WIC cannot cover bottled water.

#### *Background*

- The results of the Hurley Children's Hospital were reviewed by MDHHS after the study was released last week.
- The analysis that Hurley conducted was different from the initial MDHHS data regarding blood lead levels in Flint.
- MDHHS initial data looked at the entire blood lead levels for the Flint area for the past five years and showed the annual seasonal trends in the area.
- Seasonal exposure is higher in the summer for a variety of reasons including children playing outside in the soil, and when windows are open and lead paint is more likely to be in the air.

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 5:16 PM  
**To:** Lyon, Nick (DHHS); Wyant, Dan (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS); Pallone, Maggie (DEQ); McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** Kildee Letter DRAFT  
**Attachments:** Kildee Lead Flint DRAFT 09-30-2015.docx

**Importance:** High

Nick & Dan:

Please take a look at the attached draft letter to Congressman Kildee, particularly the 4 requests for federal action. Please edit/add as necessary. Thanks for your quick attention to this – we need to have this ready for the Governor's signature by 8:30am tomorrow. Sorry for the tight turnaround.

--Eric

**Eric K Brown**

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**To:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Flint water announcement

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**To:** 'repphelps@house.mi.gov' <repphelps@house.mi.gov>; Neeley, Rep Sheldon <SheldonNeeley@house.mi.gov>; Dickinson, Jordan <Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov>; Andrew Leavitt <ALeavitt@senate.michigan.gov>  
**Cc:** Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS) <HertelE@michigan.gov>; Brown, Eric (GOV) <BrownE15@michigan.gov>; amglasson@house.mi.gov; Michelle Carnevale <MCarnevale@senate.michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** Flint water announcement

Congressman Kildee, Senator Ananich, Representative Neeley and Representative Phelps,

Tomorrow at 1:30 PM Director Nick Lyons and Director Dan Wyant, along with Mayor Walling, will holding a press conference to announce an action plan for addressing the water in the city of Flint. We would like to extend an invite for you to attend. The press conference will only be open to the media. The announcement will be held at the Kettering University, Innovation Center (1300 Bluff St., Flint, MI 48504)

Before the announcement we would like to do a pre-briefing call with you at 10:30 AM tomorrow. The call information is:

Access code: [REDACTED]

Please give me a call on my cell if you have any questions ([REDACTED]). Also, please let me know if you plan on attending the announcement.

Thanks,  
Maggie

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**Cc:** "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" <WurfelB@michigan.gov>, "Brown, Eric (GOV)" <BrownE15@michigan.gov>, "Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)" <PalloneM@michigan.gov>, "Wurfel, Sara (GOV)" <Wurfels@michigan.gov>  
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Law suit filed today against EPA. Susan Hedman called off from D.C. Will not be attending press conference.

Sent from my iPhone

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**To:** "wyantd@michigan.gov" <wyantd@michigan.gov>  
**Cc:** "Henderson, Henry" <hhenderson@nrdc.org>  
**Subject:** Flint drinking water

Hello Dan: Attached please find our emergency SDWA petition to U.S. EPA regarding the Flint situation. Here's a link to the release:  
<http://www.nrdc.org/media/2015/151001a.asp> Henry Henderson, NRDC's Midwest Director is the person to contact about this. He's at [hhenderson@nrdc.org](mailto:hhenderson@nrdc.org) and is cc'd here.

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**To:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** Kildee Lead Flint  
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Final draft

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**Subject:** Flint letters  
**Attachments:** Peters Lead Flint 10-02-2015.docx; Stabenow Lead Flint 10-02-2015.docx; Kildee Lead Flint 10-02-2015.docx

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O.k. Let me know if there are any problems.

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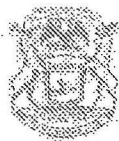
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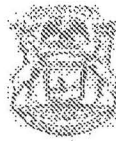
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**Cc:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint Water  
**Attachments:** 10.2.15 Stabenow.pdf

Bill & Matt:

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Thanks,  
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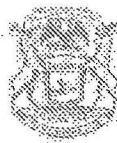
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**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 10:42 AM  
**To:** jordan.dickinson@mail.house.gov  
**Cc:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
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**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 10:42 AM  
**To:** 'eric\_feldman@peters.senate.gov'  
**Cc:** Johnson, Bentley (Peters) (Bentley\_Johnson@peters.senate.gov); McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint Water  
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**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 10:47 AM  
**To:** Scott, Allison (GOV)  
**Cc:** Hansen, Rachel (GOV); McBride, Bill (GOV); Bedan, Morgan (GOV); Dickinson, Sarah (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Flint letters  
**Attachments:** 10.2.15 Kildee.pdf; 10.2.15 Peters.pdf; 10.2.15 Stabenow.pdf

Hi Allison,

Due to time constraints, these did not go through the formal review process . Per Bill McBride, Dennis signed off and gave the go ahead to sign.

Jean Hall  
Executive Assistant  
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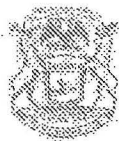
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**To:** Hall, Jean (GOV) <[halli16@michigan.gov](mailto:halli16@michigan.gov)>  
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Thanks for your help this morning. I have included 3 letters, one for Congressman Kildee, and one each for Senators Peters and Stabenow. Please let me know if there are any format problems, etc. I need these ASAP, if possible. Sorry for the fire drill!

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**Subject:** Re: Flint Water

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Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05)  
202-225-3611

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**From:** Blackwell, Rob (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 12:58 PM  
**To:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** FEMA Response to Rep. Kildee Letter  
**Attachments:** 09-22-15 Kildee Requesting Temporary Assistance for Lead in Flint Water.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Rep Kildee Response 9-28-15.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Hi Bill,

These letters came to me. FEMA's reply to the Kildee letter re Flint water.

Rob

DANIEL T. KILDEE  
5TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

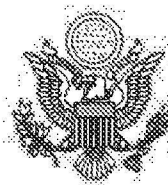
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September 22, 2015

Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
HHS Office of the Secretary  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201

Administrator William Craig Fugate  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20472

Administrator Gina McCarthy  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Administrator 1101A  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Director Tom Frieden  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
1600 Clifton Road  
Atlanta, GA 30329

Secretary Burwell, Administrator McCarthy, Administrator Fugate and Director Frieden:

Recent developments regarding the level of lead in the water in one of the communities I represent, Flint, Mich., have raised significant concerns about the safety of its drinking water. For this reason, I am requesting immediate resources to provide safe drinking water to the residents of Flint until additional testing can be completed that confirms the water is safe, particularly for young children.

Although the city of Flint and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have conducted tests and taken the position that the lead level in the water is safe and below the action level, there are significant questions about the efficacy of their testing. In fact, Dr. Marc Edwards of Virginia Tech University, an established drinking water expert, conducted his own tests as part of a study that determined the water in Flint was above the lead action level.

Additionally, yesterday the Greater Flint Health Coalition, a group of health professionals in the community, released a report showing elevated blood lead levels in residents in Flint, particularly in young children. In response, the Coalition has requested that the Genesee County Health Department release a health advisory indicating that the water in Flint is unsafe to drink.

Thus, I am requesting resources from your agency to provide clean drinking water to the residents of Flint until additional testing can determine when the water will be safe to drink and a long-term solution can be implemented.

This is a serious health issue, particularly for young children, and until the water is demonstrated to be safe, immediate action must be taken to ensure Flint's residents have potable drinking water.

I look forward to working with you and thank you for your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Kildee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dan Kildee  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS



**FEMA**

September 28, 2015

The Honorable Dan Kildee  
United States House of Representatives  
227 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Kildee:

This is in response to your letter of September 22, 2015, to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Craig Fugate, as well as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Environmental Protection Agency. You requested federal assistance to provide safe drinking water to residents of the City of Flint, Michigan, until additional testing confirms that the water is safe. Administrator Fugate requested that I respond to you because Michigan is within FEMA Region V.

As you may be aware, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, authorizes FEMA to provide federal assistance to a state after the governor requests that the president issue a disaster declaration and the president approves the request because it has been determined that the severity and magnitude of the incident exceeds local, tribal and state capabilities. If providing safe water to its residents is beyond the city's capability, the city, through Genesee County Emergency Management, should contact the Michigan State Police Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. However, in this situation, it may be more expedient and practical to pursue water sources from other local or private sector entities.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact my Congressional Affairs Specialist, Dan Shulman, at (312) 408-4427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Velasquez III".

Andrew Velasquez III  
Regional Administrator

cc: Capt. Chris Kelenske  
Deputy State Director  
Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division  
Michigan State Police

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**From:** Brown, Eric (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 5:05 PM  
**To:** Taylor, Nicole (GOV)  
**Cc:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: DC visit

See below

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**From:** Anderson, Madhu (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 09, 2015 11:02 AM  
**To:** Brown, Eric (GOV) <[BrownE15@michigan.gov](mailto:BrownE15@michigan.gov)>  
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**Subject:** DC visit

Eric – Dan Wyant, Heidi Grether (MI Agency for Energy), Mary Maupin (DEQ) and I will be attending a one day seminar on the Carbon Rule run by ECOS. We will be in Washington DC on October 21 (the day of the conference) through about noon on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dan would like to take the opportunity to visit with congressional members if possible during that time (he's willing to skip out of the conference if necessary). Topics to be discussed are Energy, drinking water issues in Flint, and Invasives. If you would like to give this some thought and see if some meetings are possible, we'd appreciate it. Thanks,



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**Subject:** Fwd: Letter Requesting EPA Review of Flint, MI Water  
**Attachments:** 2015.10.21 EPA Review Request FINAL.PDF; ATT00001.htm

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**Subject:** Letter Requesting EPA Review of Flint, MI Water

Administrator McCarthy and Regional Director Hedman,

Please see the attached letter regarding a request for an EPA review of Flint, Michigan's water treatment.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

**The Office of State Senator Jim Ananich**  
Michigan Senate Minority Leader  
District 27

October 21, 2015

Gina McCarthy  
**Administrator**  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
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Mail Code 6106A  
Washington, DC 20460

Susan Hedman  
**Regional Administrator**  
United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5  
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Chicago, IL 60604

**Re: EPA Review Needed on Flint, Michigan Water Treatment**

Administrator McCarthy and Regional Director Hedman,

Today Congressman Dan Kildee requested that the United States Environmental Protection Agency conduct an investigation into the water system in Flint, Michigan. I agree that such an investigation is vital to ensuring that the people responsible for Flint's dangerous water quality are held accountable. Similar to Congressman Kildee's request, I am requesting the EPA conduct a review of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) oversight of water treatment in Flint as provided for in the Lead and Copper Rule, 40 CFR Sec. 141.80.

After decades of relying on water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), Flint began treating its own water from the Flint River in April 2014 at the behest of state-appointed Emergency Managers. DWSD had used — and continues to use — anti-corrosion treatments in its water to prevent lead leaching from an aging infrastructure into residents' drinking water. For a number of reasons, raw water from the Flint River is significantly more corrosive than the lake water that DWSD uses. Despite this, Flint chose not to treat the raw Flint River water by any method traditionally associated with preventing lead corrosion. Multiple consultants and the EPA advised the city to use additional corrosion control measures, but that advice went unheeded by the City of Flint and the MDEQ.

Foreseeably, lead has been seeping into Flint's drinking water for more than a year, causing an alarming rise in the number of children in Flint with elevated blood lead levels. Independent research conducted by Virginia Tech professor Marc Edwards indicated high lead levels in tap water, and a study led by Hurley Medical Center pediatrician Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha revealed that in high-risk areas of the city, the rate of lead overexposure among children more than doubled since switching water sources. State data have confirmed these results.

Additionally, several questions remain regarding how Flint and state officials conducted water sampling under the Lead and Copper Rule. Allegedly, officials did not target samples in high-risk Tier 1 locations or repeat locations in subsequent tests. Consumers were also instructed to pre-flush their taps prior to collecting samples, resulting in lower lead level results. It is unclear whether a sufficient number of samples were taken or why MDEQ excluded two high lead level samples from Flint's July 2015 water quality report.

The State of Michigan has pledged to help reconnect the City of Flint to DWSD and take additional steps to help remediate the lead problem. However, these are stopgap measures that will never undo the damage already done.

Ultimately, the EPA retains the ability and responsibility to oversee the state's efforts to obtain and maintain safe drinking water for its residents. As such, I appreciate that the EPA has established the Flint Safe Drinking Water Task Force. However, it also is within the EPA's power to review the actions of MDEQ and the City of Flint as they pertain to lead testing and treatment under the Lead and Copper Rule. We want to ensure Flint remains compliant once it switches its permanent water source to the Karegnondi Water Authority.

I respectfully request that, under 40 CFR Sec. 142.19, Regional Administrator Hedman review MDEQ's determinations regarding corrosion control for lead in Flint, Michigan. Regardless of the findings, I am also requesting that Regional Administrator Hedman make public all evidence gathered during the course of that review. Michigan citizens deserve to know whether MDEQ is operating safely and effectively.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at [senjananich@senate.mi.gov](mailto:senjananich@senate.mi.gov) or (517) 373-0142. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jim Ananich  
Senate Democratic Leader  
District 27

cc:

Governor Rick Snyder  
U.S. Representative Dan Kildee  
U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow  
U.S. Senator Gary Peters  
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Dan Wyant, MDEQ  
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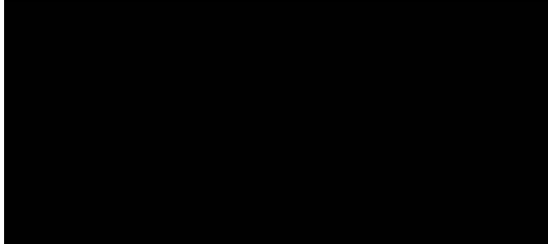
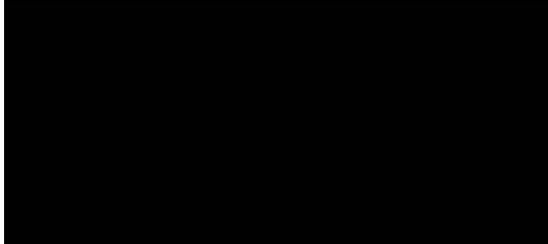
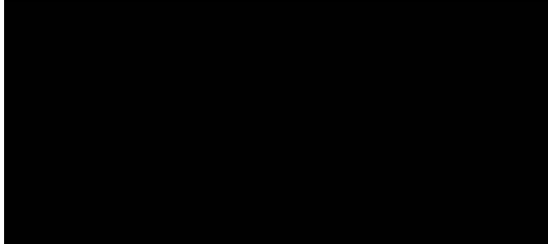
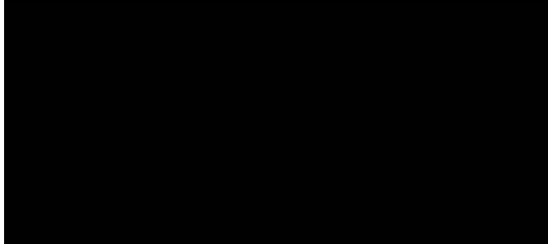
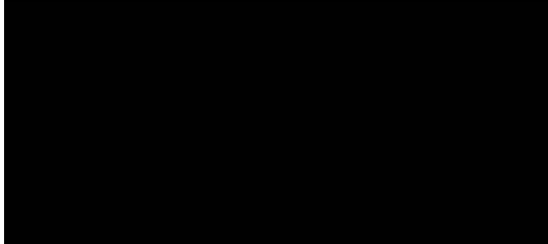
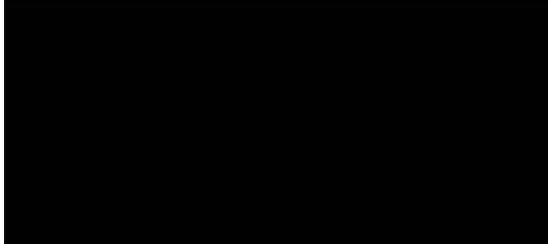
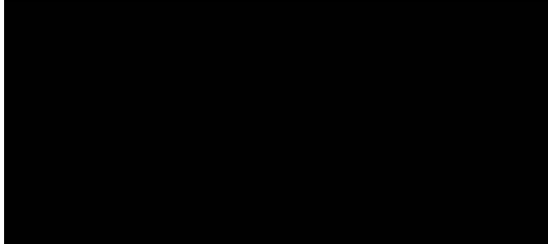
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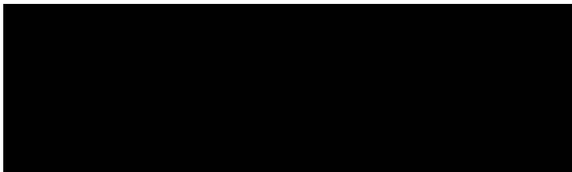
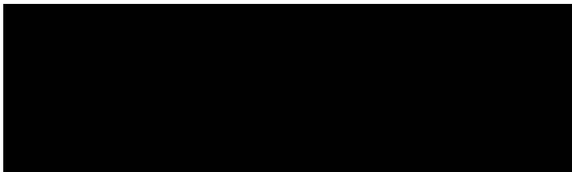
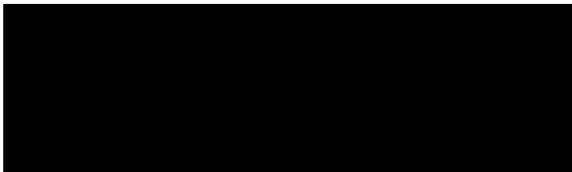
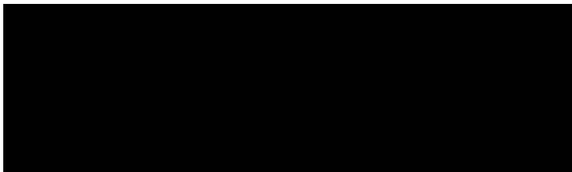
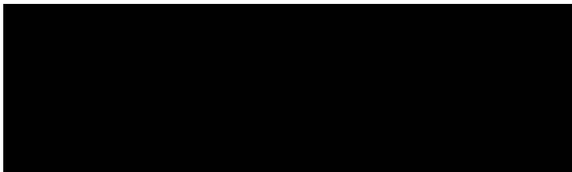
Attached is the agenda – does that look ok to everyone?

Here's the text

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**Bill Sweeney**

Chief of Staff

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**U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow**

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Dear Eric,

The Flint water crisis is a failure of government at every level, and I am committed to increasing transparency and finding answers to ensure that these failures never happen again. That's why I have called for an investigation into the causes of water problems in Flint.

Simply put, high lead levels in Flint's drinking water are unacceptable, and there must be accountability.

As part of my ongoing efforts, I am holding a **telephone town hall with constituents on Wednesday, October 28th, at 7 p.m. ET** to provide an update on my efforts. I'll be joined by both Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and Dr. Marc Edwards, who both conducted critical tests that exposed unacceptable lead levels in Flint. On the live call, we will also answer questions from Flint residents.

If you're interested in joining our conversation, please RSVP [here](#), or fill out the form below.

What is your preferred Prefix (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr., etc)?  
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For months, I have been pressing state and federal agencies for immediate resources and action to improve and restore confidence in water quality. At the federal level, I am pushing for resources to ensure the safety of water, but also make much-needed repairs to our city's aging water system and infrastructure. *The Flint Journal* covered these federal efforts in March. You can view them [here](#).

Additionally, I welcome the announcement recently that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will send technical advisors to Flint to assist the city and state. I have [repeatedly asked](#) the EPA to send these much-needed experts to help improve the water quality and hopefully restore some public confidence in the safety of our water.

Serious issues remain, and there is a long way to go before complete confidence in the city's drinking water is restored. I am committed to working to ensure that Flint residents get a thorough investigation and answers to their questions.

I hope you'll join me next Wednesday for a telephone town hall update on Flint water.

Sincerely,

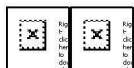


Dan Kildee

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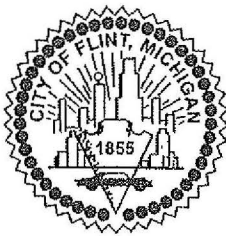
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**Subject:** Document for Review - Flint Water Plan Support

Stacie, please have Harvey respond to this letter from Mayor Walling and send me a copy of the response letter.

Thanks,

Lynne

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## CITY OF FLINT

Dayne Walling  
Mayor

September 14, 2015

The Honorable Rick Snyder  
Governor, State of Michigan  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Call for Additional Support for Flint Water Improvement Plan

Dear Governor Snyder:

On behalf of the Flint community, I am writing with a renewed request for additional support to address Flint's water challenges to ensure that water is affordable and secure for everyone in Flint especially our vulnerable populations. I am asking for an additional \$30 million in funds for Flint's infrastructure and a new healthy homes initiative.

Significant progress has been made throughout this year to increase water safety and quality and I thank you for the involvement of your office, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the Michigan Department of Treasury. A majority of items in the Water Improvement Plan are completed or underway. Most importantly, Flint is now in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act due in large part to the installation of the new carbon filter. The infrastructure systems are being made more secure and efficient through the State grants. Now the City is committed to following the recommendation of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to optimize the treatment process, reduce corrosion and further minimize risks from lead.

The need to accelerate the City's capital improvement investments remains and has been further increased by the continued financial stress and legal issues. Previously I requested support for replacement or forgiveness of payment to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund due to Flint's status as a distressed community and the gap in funding in the adopted capital improvement plan. I understand that the existing federal law does not allow the existing Drinking Water Revolving Loans that Flint is carrying to be forgiven in retrospect but the need still exists. Flint owes approximately \$20 Million. One solution is for the State to grant a new \$20 Million that is designed as forgivable from the start. Another solution is to provide

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equivalent funding through an expansion of the grant program to Michigan's Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships with a supplemental budget amendment in cooperation with the State Legislature.

The community's heightened concern about lead leeching into the water from old service lines and home plumbing also needs to be addressed. We know that lead is an environmental contaminant and there have been many programs in place over the years to address sources in paint and pipes. Flint needs a new healthy homes initiative specifically focused on lead in water with \$10 Million to start the process of replacing service lines for the most vulnerable households. Regardless of the source and treatment of Flint's water, this long term threat of lead in pipes needs to be removed in the interest of public health.

My approach continues to be to work with you and your appointed officials, State Senator Ananich, State Representatives Phelps and Neeley, Congressman Kildee, community groups, businesses, churches, foundations, the Flint City Council, and all of the City of Flint and State and Federal government personnel. We need every available expert and resource to address Flint's water problems.

Flint's safety is my top priority. Just as the City and State have worked together on public safety, we need additional support for fixing the water problems. We need \$30 Million in new funds to repair and update the city-wide infrastructure and to assist households in becoming lead-free. The entire Flint community deserves sustainable, safe, secure and affordable water now and into the future. Thank you for the consideration Governor and I look forward to future discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dayne Walling", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dayne Walling  
Mayor, City of Flint

CC: Flint City Council President Joshua Freeman; Congressman Dan Kildee; State Senator Jim Ananich; State Representative Sheldon Neeley; State Representative Phil Phelps; EPA Regional Administrator Dr. Susan Hedman; Chief of Staff Dennis Muchmore

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
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**To:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 5:08 AM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Request for Phone Call with Congressman Kildee

I didn't realize I responded to Kildees staff also in last message. My point is that Dennis needs to brief Governor

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Thanks you very much for your prompt response Beth. I look forward to hearing from you in the morning.

Jordan Dickinson  
Legislative Assistant  
Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05)  
202-225-3611

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Subject: Re: Request for Phone Call with Congressman Kildee

Hi Jordan,  
The Governor is going to be traveling most of the day tomorrow, but we work to see if we can find a good time cell-wise and get back with you in the morning.  
Thanks,  
Beth

On Sep 24, 2015, at 7:05 PM, Dickinson, Jordan  
<[Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov)<<mailto:Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov>>> wrote:

Hi Beth and Laurie,

My boss would like to set up a phone call with Governor Snyder regarding the lead in the water in Flint. He would like to do it tomorrow if possible due to the immediacy of the problem. Please let me know if we can get something scheduled for tomorrow.

Thank you,

Jordan Dickinson

Legislative Assistant

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**Date:** September 24, 2015 at 9:43:51 PM EDT  
**To:** "emmittb@michigan.gov" <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** "rospndl@michigan.gov" <[rospndl@michigan.gov](mailto:rospndl@michigan.gov)>, "mcbrideb@michigan.gov" <[mcbrideb@michigan.gov](mailto:mcbrideb@michigan.gov)>, "MurrayD1@michigan.gov" <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Phone Call with Congressman Kildee

Thanks you very much for your prompt response Beth. I look forward to hearing from you in the morning.

Jordan Dickinson  
Legislative Assistant  
Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05)  
202-225-3611

----- Original Message -----

From: Emmitt, Beth (GOV) [<mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 09:26 PM  
To: Dickinson, Jordan  
Cc: Rospond, Laurie (GOV) <[rospndl@michigan.gov](mailto:rospndl@michigan.gov)>; McBride, Bill (GOV) <[mcbrideb@michigan.gov](mailto:mcbrideb@michigan.gov)>; Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)>  
Subject: Re: Request for Phone Call with Congressman Kildee

Hi Jordan,  
The Governor is going to be traveling most of the day tomorrow, but we work to see if we can find a good time cell-wise and get back with you in the morning.  
Thanks,  
Beth

On Sep 24, 2015, at 7:05 PM, Dickinson, Jordan  
<[Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov)<<mailto:Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov>>> wrote:

Hi Beth and Laurie,

My boss would like to set up a phone call with Governor Snyder regarding the lead in the water in Flint. He would like to do it tomorrow if possible due to the immediacy of the problem. Please

let me know if we can get something scheduled for tomorrow.

Thank you,

Jordan Dickinson

Legislative Assistant

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05)

227 Cannon House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515

Phone: (202) 225-3611

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 10:36 AM  
**To:** Brown, Eric (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Consumer Notice (draft) - city of Flint  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.htm

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**From:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 10:32 AM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <[AgenJ@michigan.gov](mailto:AgenJ@michigan.gov)>; McBride, Bill (GOV) <[mcbrideb@michigan.gov](mailto:mcbrideb@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Consumer Notice (draft) - city of Flint

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" <[WurfelB@michigan.gov](mailto:WurfelB@michigan.gov)>  
**Date:** September 25, 2015 at 8:56:24 AM EDT  
**To:** "Murray, David (GOV)" <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)>, "Wurfel, Sara (GOV)" <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)" <[muchmored@michigan.gov](mailto:muchmored@michigan.gov)>, "Hollins, Harvey (GOV)" <[hollinsh@michigan.gov](mailto:hollinsh@michigan.gov)>, "Brown, Eric (GOV)" <[BrownE15@michigan.gov](mailto:BrownE15@michigan.gov)>, "Brown, Jessica (GOV)" <[BrownJ53@michigan.gov](mailto:BrownJ53@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Consumer Notice (draft) - city of Flint

What Flint is proposing to announce today.  
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Prysby, Mike (DEQ)" <[PRYSBYM@michigan.gov](mailto:PRYSBYM@michigan.gov)>  
**Date:** September 25, 2015 at 8:29:46 AM EDT  
**To:** "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" <[WurfelB@michigan.gov](mailto:WurfelB@michigan.gov)>, "Fields, Maggie (DEQ)" <[Fields@](mailto:Fields@)>  
**Cc:** "Benzie, Richard (DEQ)" <[BENZIER@michigan.gov](mailto:BENZIER@michigan.gov)>, "Busch, Stephen (DEQ)" <[BUSCHS@michigan.gov](mailto:BUSCHS@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Consumer Notice (draft) - city of Flint

Brad,

Mr. Howard Kroft from the city of Flint has prepared a draft Public Health Advisory regarding lead in drinking water that he intends to publish today. Mr. Kroft requested us to review the draft advisory

and make any revisions as needed. Attached is a copy of the draft advisory along with our tracked changes. If there are any further edits you see fit, let me know. Also, I will be out of the office today after 11am. Thanks.

Michael Prysby, P.E.  
District Engineer  
Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance  
517 290-8817

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 10:47 AM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Flint

Ok. I should be seeing Governor shortly. Will see what his reaction is

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 25, 2015, at 10:41 AM, Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <[Agenj@michigan.gov](mailto:Agenj@michigan.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 3:46 PM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint-Kildee Call

The call has been scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Monday

-----Original Message-----

From: Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 10:41 AM  
To: McBride, Bill (GOV) <[mcbrideb@michigan.gov](mailto:mcbrideb@michigan.gov)>  
Subject: Flint

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 2:55 PM  
**To:** Brown, Eric (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Governor Snyder: Flint Water  
**Attachments:** 09.28.2015-Letter-Ananich-Snyder-Water-Requests.pdf

I was on two calls today regarding Flint water...one with Senator Ananich and one with Congressman Kildee. Governor told Kildee that we (state government) would put together a list of things that we think federal government could be doing to help in this situation.

See attached letter from Ananich

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**From:** Andrew Leavitt [<mailto:ALEavitt@senate.michigan.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 11:45 AM  
**To:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <[muchmored@michigan.gov](mailto:muchmored@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Letter to Governor Snyder: Flint Water

Hi Dennis,

Senator Ananich began drafting the attached letter on Sunday and thought it would be helpful to guide our 12pm call.

Thanks,

Andy

September 28, 2015

State of Michigan  
**Executive Office of the Governor**  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

Governor Snyder,

Access to safe, affordable drinking water is a basic necessity for every community. It is completely unacceptable that respected scientific experts and our trusted local physicians have verified that the City of Flint's drinking water is dangerous for our citizens, especially our most vulnerable young people.

As a result, I am formally requesting assistance as suggested by the experts on the frontline of this public health crisis. Here are the top priorities we should work together to address:

1. **Swift transfer to a safe source of water until the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) project is complete next year.** Your administration has the ability to ensure a financially acceptable and responsible contract between Flint and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, particularly in light of the public health implications with the Flint River supply.
2. **Equally urgent is the need for corrosion control as recommended by independent scientific experts.** There are chemical treatment additives that could help reduce this corrosion. I urge you to help the city implement anti-corrosion methods immediately. The current emergency makes the January timeline unacceptable.
3. **Filters and bottled water assistance.** Flint water touches the entire city. Whether it's a person's home, work, school, restaurant or place of worship, access to safe, clean drinking water should not be hindered. Water filters, used in conjunction with corrosion control methods, are necessary to help guard against toxic exposure.

I have been working with the philanthropic community and private sector to secure donations to acquire filters and water; however, more funds will be necessary to effectively cover the thousands of residents impacted. I would like to formally request emergency funding to help supplement the acquisition of water filters and bottled water. Any and all appropriate state or federal money to help accomplish this feat should be considered.

4. **Support for completion of the KWA pipeline.** It is presumed that the upcoming KWA pipeline will solve a number of problems associated with the current sourcing of Flint's water from the Flint River. I am requesting a meeting between representatives from your office, KWA board members and project engineers to discuss any options to expedite the pipeline's construction.
5. **A long-term commitment to addressing outdated infrastructure.** A recent EPA report just outlined the billions of dollars necessary over the next several decades to adequately secure safe water for our entire state. You have the position and opportunity to be a national leader on moving the debate forward on this topic so that we can avoid the type of catastrophe my community is grappling with today.

I look forward to working with you to deliver on these concrete and urgent action items to alleviate the public health crisis facing our residents.

We jeopardize any progress and comeback for our cities and state if we cannot ensure safe, basic necessities for our families or if we cannot come together swiftly to fix an identified, severe threat to the safety of our people.

Sincerely,



Jim Ananich  
Senate Democratic Leader  
District 27

cc:

U.S. Representative Dan Kildee  
Mayor Dayne Walling, City of Flint  
Howard Croft, City of Flint  
Susan Hedman, EPA  
Thomas Poy, EPA  
Michael Schock, EPA-ORD  
Darren Lytle, EPA-ORD  
Denise Fortin, EPA  
Liane Shekter-Smith, MDEQ  
Pat Cook, MDEQ  
Stephen Busch, MDEQ  
Brad Wurfel, MDEQ  
Marc Edwards, Virginia Tech

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:17 PM  
**To:** Brown, Eric (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich Urges Governor, State Action in Flint

**Importance:** High

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
September 28, 2015

Contact: Angela Wittrock  
517.775.1430

## **Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich Urges Governor, State Action in Flint**

FLINT, Mich.—Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D-Flint) issued the following statement:

“My constituents and I believe the state must act urgently to provide concrete solutions to the public health crisis in the City of Flint. In speaking with Governor Snyder and his key aides today, I stressed the need to work together on a number of initiatives that will ensure safe water for Flint residents.

“My formal request included immediate and long-term solutions, including strong consideration for switching back to the Detroit water source until the Karegnondi Pipeline Authority project is complete. Anything less than an aggressive, comprehensive approach is simply unacceptable.”

A copy of Senator Ananich’s letter to Governor Snyder [can be viewed here](#).

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**Angela Wittrock**

*Press Secretary*

Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 10:47 AM  
**To:** GovCalendar  
**Subject:** Accepted: RDS/DM/BM/NL?/DW? - Meeting Re: Flint Water

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 3:14 PM  
**To:** Brown, Eric (GOV)  
**Subject:** OUTLINE FROM 9-29-15 FLINT WATER MEETING WITH GOVERNOR  
**Attachments:** 20150929151317570.pdf

## **Flint Update 9/29**

### **Issues:**

- DWSD switch
- Emergency Declaration
- Edwards issue
- Testing protocols

### **Flint Drinking Water Action Plan**

- 1. Governor Snyder names Dr. Eden Wells as Flint drinking water Public Health Advisor.**

Action to date: Dr. Wells has been brought in and is reviewing the Hurley Health information.

- 2. All 13 Flint schools water will immediately be tested to ensure that drinking water is safe.**

Action to date: Phone call with Superintendent and Facilities manager to identify schools. Phone call with Genesee County Public Health, DEQ and Flint schools afternoon of 9/29 to discuss testing protocols and timeline. DEQ has volunteered to pay for testing.

Checking with MDE on fund availability to replace lead lines if they are identified in the testing.

- 3. Advisories will be disseminated recommending citizens flush your cold water pipes, use only water from the cold water tap for drinking, cooking and especially for making baby formula.**

Action to date: This step has already started to occur.

- 4. Convene a safe drinking water "Technical Advisory Committee" to ensure best technology, practices and science is being utilized, including EPA's expertise and assistance from their Office of Research and Development.**

Action to date: Committee will meet October 7. EPA will have Tom Burke, who heads up EPA's Office of Research and Development, participate on the Committee.

- 5. Implementation of fully optimized corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.**

Action to date: Technical Advisory Committee is meeting October 7 to recommend this. Flint will submit permit application to DEQ October 8. Corrosion control will begin by end of October.



**6. Expanded water testing of at risk properties.**

Action to date: EPA and DEQ have a conference call at 1:45 PM 9/29 to discuss additional testing locations and protocols.

**7. Offer water testing at no cost to Flint residents to assure water is safe.**

Action to date: City is already offering. DEQ will be discussing cost issues with the City.

**8. Offer bottled water and premixed formula if test results indicate high levels of lead.**

Action to date: DHHS evaluating.

**9. Accelerate water system improvements to address replacement of lead service lines.**

Action to date: EPA has indicated that federal Drinking Water Revolving Loan money can be used to replace private service lines. State law needs to be changed to allow this to occur.

**10. Provide filters to residences of Flint.**

Action to date: Ananich has indicated United Way would supply some. Harvey to follow up with Meijer.

**11. Expedite Completion of KWA.**

Action to date: DEQ had initial conversation with Drain Commissioner to indicate help in moving any remaining permits.

**Next Steps:**

Press Conference in Flint - Friday, October 2, 1:30

**Participants**

Mayor of Flint

Dan Wyant – Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Nick Lyon – Department of Community Health

Susan Hedman – Region 5 Administrator or EPA

Harvey Hollins – Governor's office

Local Public Health Department

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 4:10 PM  
**To:** Taylor, Nicole (GOV)  
**Subject:** Accepted: Flint Water Call

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 5:54 PM  
**To:** Brown, Eric (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Flint water announcement

Lyons and Tigers and Bears, oh my.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 1, 2015, at 5:20 PM, Brown, Eric (GOV) <[BrownE15@michigan.gov](mailto:BrownE15@michigan.gov)> wrote:

They moved it to 10:30. Also, note Nick Lyons below. Unbelievable.

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**From:** Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 5:18 PM  
**To:** 'repphelps@house.mi.gov' <[repphelps@house.mi.gov](mailto:repphelps@house.mi.gov)>; Neeley, Rep Sheldon <[SheldonNeeley@house.mi.gov](mailto:SheldonNeeley@house.mi.gov)>; Dickinson, Jordan <[Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov)>; Andrew Leavitt <[Aleavitt@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:Aleavitt@senate.michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS) <[HertelE@michigan.gov](mailto:HertelE@michigan.gov)>; Brown, Eric (GOV) <[BrownE15@michigan.gov](mailto:BrownE15@michigan.gov)>; [amglasson@house.mi.gov](mailto:amglasson@house.mi.gov); Michelle Carnevale <[MCarnevale@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:MCarnevale@senate.michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Flint water announcement

Congressman Kildee, Senator Ananich, Representative Neeley and Representative Phelps,

Tomorrow at 1:30 PM Director Nick Lyons and Director Dan Wyant, along with Mayor Walling, will holding a press conference to announce an action plan for addressing the water in the city of Flint. We would like to extend an invite for you to attend. The press conference will only be open to the media. The announcement will be held at the Kettering University, Innovation Center (1300 Bluff St., Flint, MI 48504)

Before the announcement we would like to do a pre-briefing call with you at 10:30 AM tomorrow. The call in information is:

Access code: [REDACTED]

Please give me a call on my cell if you have any questions [REDACTED]. Also, please let me know if you plan on attending the announcement.

Thanks,  
Maggie

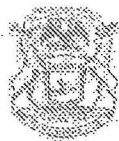
**Maggie Pallone**  
Deputy Director  
Policy and Legislative Affairs  
Department of Environmental Quality  
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[PalioneM@michigan.gov](mailto:PalioneM@michigan.gov)

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 10:50 AM  
**To:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Cc:** 'Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV)'  
**Subject:** FW: Flint letters to Kildee, Peters, Stabenow  
**Attachments:** 10.2.15 Kildee.pdf; 10.2.15 Peters.pdf; 10.2.15 Stabenow.pdf

The attached letter was sent to Congressman Kildee this morning.  
Slightly different version sent to Senators Peters and Stabenow.



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
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October 2, 2015

RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

BRIAN CALLEY  
LT. GOVERNOR

The Honorable Dan Kildee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
227 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Kildee:

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As the situation continues to evolve, I would also appreciate your assistance in the event that additional federal action is needed.

Thank you for your continued advocacy related to the City of Flint's water. I have appreciated the ongoing dialogue and am heartened to have a partner in ensuring that the residents of Flint have access to safe, clean drinking water. I look forward to continuing to work with you on this and many other issues of importance to Michiganders.

Sincerely,

Rick Snyder  
Governor



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October 2, 2015

The Honorable Gary Peters  
U.S. Senate  
724 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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Sincerely,

Rick Snyder  
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October 2, 2015

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
U.S. Senate  
731 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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Sincerely,

Rick Snyder  
Governor



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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 2:31 PM  
**To:** Brown, Eric (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: FEMA Response to Rep. Kildee Letter  
**Attachments:** 09-22-15 Kildee Requesting Temporary Assistance for Lead in Flint Water.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Rep Kildee Response 9-28-15.pdf; ATT00002.htm

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**From:** Blackwell, Rob (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 12:58 PM  
**To:** McBride, Bill (GOV) <[mcbrideb@michigan.gov](mailto:mcbrideb@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** FEMA Response to Rep. Kildee Letter

Hi Bill,

These letters came to me. FEMA's reply to the Kildee letter re Flint water.

Rob

DANIEL T. KILDEE  
5TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

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September 22, 2015

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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
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Administrator William Craig Fugate  
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Secretary Burwell, Administrator McCarthy, Administrator Fugate and Director Frieden:

Recent developments regarding the level of lead in the water in one of the communities I represent, Flint, Mich., have raised significant concerns about the safety of its drinking water. For this reason, I am requesting immediate resources to provide safe drinking water to the residents of Flint until additional testing can be completed that confirms the water is safe, particularly for young children.

Although the city of Flint and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have conducted tests and taken the position that the lead level in the water is safe and below the action level, there are significant questions about the efficacy of their testing. In fact, Dr. Marc Edwards of Virginia Tech University, an established drinking water expert, conducted his own tests as part of a study that determined the water in Flint was above the lead action level.

Additionally, yesterday the Greater Flint Health Coalition, a group of health professionals in the community, released a report showing elevated blood lead levels in residents in Flint, particularly in young children. In response, the Coalition has requested that the Genesee County Health Department release a health advisory indicating that the water in Flint is unsafe to drink.

Thus, I am requesting resources from your agency to provide clean drinking water to the residents of Flint until additional testing can determine when the water will be safe to drink and a long-term solution can be implemented.

This is a serious health issue, particularly for young children, and until the water is demonstrated to be safe, immediate action must be taken to ensure Flint's residents have potable drinking water.

I look forward to working with you and thank you for your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. Kildee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dan Kildee  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS



**FEMA**

September 28, 2015

The Honorable Dan Kildee  
United States House of Representatives  
227 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Kildee:

This is in response to your letter of September 22, 2015, to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Craig Fugate, as well as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Environmental Protection Agency. You requested federal assistance to provide safe drinking water to residents of the City of Flint, Michigan, until additional testing confirms that the water is safe. Administrator Fugate requested that I respond to you because Michigan is within FEMA Region V.

As you may be aware, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, authorizes FEMA to provide federal assistance to a state after the governor requests that the president issue a disaster declaration and the president approves the request because it has been determined that the severity and magnitude of the incident exceeds local, tribal and state capabilities. If providing safe water to its residents is beyond the city's capability, the city, through Genesee County Emergency Management, should contact the Michigan State Police Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. However, in this situation, it may be more expedient and practical to pursue water sources from other local or private sector entities.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact my Congressional Affairs Specialist, Dan Shulman, at (312) 408-4427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Velasquez III".

Andrew Velasquez III  
Regional Administrator

cc: Capt. Chris Kelenske  
Deputy State Director  
Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division  
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**From:** Mcbride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:24 AM  
**To:** eric\_feldman@peters.senate.gov  
**Subject:** FW: NEWS RELEASE: Gov. Rick Snyder: Move back to Detroit water provides best protection for public health in Flint



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015

**Gov. Rick Snyder: Move back to Detroit water provides best  
protection for public health in Flint**

*State, city, Mott Foundation, join to fund switch until KWA is ready*

FLINT, Mich. – Flint families and children will be better protected by reconnecting with the Great Lakes Water Authority as the source of the city's drinking water until the Karegnondi Water

Authority pipeline is completed, Gov. Rick Snyder said.

Snyder said Thursday that he will request the state Legislature to provide half, or \$6 million, of the \$12 million needed to reconnect with the authority through next summer, when the KWA is expected to be completed. The Flint city government will provide \$2 million and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation has committed \$4 million.

"All Flint residents need clean, safe drinking water," Snyder said. "The technical experts helping the city on its water advisory all agree this move back to the Great Lakes Water Authority provides the best public health protection for children and families. This effort today is the result of people coming together to solve a problem. I appreciate Detroit's willingness to reconnect with Flint, the Mott Foundation's generous commitment, and the dedication of all parties to come together to protect Flint families and children."

Flint city leaders requested the state's help to fund the reconnection and to assist with health and infrastructure issues. Flint's move to the Great Lakes Water Authority is expected to cost about \$1.3 million per month until the Karegnondi Water Authority is completed next summer.

"It's heartening to know so many people are working at so many levels to bring safe, clean water back to Flint," Mott Foundation President Ridgway White said. "We believe this transitional solution is the right and necessary thing to do, and we're glad we could help the state and the city make it happen."

The move to Detroit water, which is expected to carry, carries many public health benefits. As large bodies of water, the Great Lakes are naturally prone to fewer problems from large rain events and other runoff issues that can sometimes be present in shallower rivers. Additionally, the Great Lakes Water Authority water already has additional corrosion control, using phosphates to help coat the insides of pipes and limit lead from leaching into the water.

However, reconnecting with the authority will not completely resolve the city's problem with lead service lines or aging infrastructure. It will take time for pipes in Flint to become coated with the phosphate corrosion control. Additionally, some households in the city could experience lead in their drinking water until all lead pipes and plumbing are replaced.

"Reconnecting to Detroit is the fastest way to deliver clean, safe water to Flint and stabilize the infrastructure system," Flint Mayor Dayne Walling said. "I appreciate the state, the Mott Foundation, Detroit, and the county's participation in a solution for Flint's water problems. The health and safety of Flint's families, children and seniors is my top priority, and reconnecting to Detroit is a major step that the city could not take alone given budget constraints."

To best protect public health, Snyder said state and local authorities will continue to carry out steps outlined on Oct. 2 in a comprehensive action plan, including continued testing, the use of faucet filters and providing residents with accurate information about steps to eliminate lead exposure. The Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services today also committed an additional \$3.5 million for water filters, free lead testing through the state laboratory for Flint water customers, and hiring additional staff to conduct health exposure monitoring for lead in drinking water.

Free filters are available for current MDHHS clients at the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office locations. For residents who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs, free filters are available at the Genesee County Community Action Resource

Department offices at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint. Staff will be at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation. At the Lippincott location only, extended hours will be offered this weekend, including until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Other good practices for residents concerned about lead include turning on the cold water tap and running the water until it's as cold as it will go. Additionally, only use cold water for cooking, drinking and especially mixing baby formula.

### ***School test results released; more investigation planned***

The state today also released the first results from its lead screening program in schools and homes. Of 37 total samples taken at 13 buildings, four samples spread over three buildings exceeded the federal action level of 15 parts per billion.

However, this sampling provides only an initial screen, and the state is committing to further testing water and inspecting plumbing at these schools. Until testing is complete, schools are advised to continue using bottled water and filtration as a precaution to protect children.

In addition, free testing is still available for any other Flint school, including daycares and Head Starts. Free testing is also available for any Flint resident.

Additional information, including more detailed lead screening results, is available at [www.michigan.gov/flintwater](http://www.michigan.gov/flintwater).

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2015 8:17 AM  
**To:** Brown, Eric (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: DC visit

Bill Huizenga is speaking at Michigan Business group. Dan might want to attend that.

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**From:** Brown, Eric (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 5:05 PM  
**To:** Taylor, Nicole (GOV) <[TaylorN7@michigan.gov](mailto:TaylorN7@michigan.gov)>  
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**Subject:** DC visit

Eric – Dan Wyant, Heidi Grether (MI Agency for Energy), Mary Maupin (DEQ) and I will be attending a one day seminar on the Carbon Rule run by ECOS. We will be in Washington DC on October 21 (the day of the conference) through about noon on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dan would like to take the opportunity to visit with congressional members if possible during that time (he's willing to skip out of the conference if necessary). Topics to be discussed are Energy, drinking water issues in Flint, and Invasives. If you would like to give this some thought and see if some meetings are possible, we'd appreciate it. Thanks,



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**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Subject:** Accepted: T/C Agen/McBride re Flint Water

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
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**To:** Hillebrands, Joan (Joan.Hillebrands@mail.house.gov); mark.ratner@mail.house.gov  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015

**Gov. Rick Snyder announces Flint Water Task Force to review state,  
federal and municipal actions, offer recommendations**

*Experts in public health, water management, environmental protection to focus on steps to  
protect residents*

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder today announced the creation of an independent advisory task force charged with reviewing actions regarding water use and testing in Flint and offer recommendations for future guidelines to protect the health and safety of all state residents.

Task force members include experts in public health and medicine, water management, and environmental protection from both sides of the aisle, and will be co-chaired by Ken Sikkema of Public Sector Consultants and Chris Kolb, of the Michigan Environmental Council. Also serving will be Dr. Matthew Davis of the University of Michigan Health System, Eric Rothstein, of the Galardi Rothstein Group and Dr. Lawrence Reynolds of Mott Children's Health Center in Flint.

"Transitioning back to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department-Great Lakes Water Authority is a good first step to protecting public health in Flint, but it's not the last step," Snyder said. "Bringing in outside experts to evaluate our actions and help monitor and advise on potential changes to law, procedures and practices will be key to continuing work on the comprehensive action plan and ensuring safe drinking water for all the residents in Flint and all of Michigan."

Snyder said the administration will fully cooperate with task force members, saying he wants an

unbiased report focusing on steps taken in the past and recommendations that could improve practices to ensure all residents have access to safe, clean water.

**Ken Sikkema** is a senior policy fellow at Public Sector Consultants, where he specializes in public finance, environment, and energy policy. Prior to joining the firm, Sikkema served in both the Michigan House and Senate, culminating with four years as Senate majority leader. He has also served as both an adjunct and visiting professor at Grand Valley State University.

**Chris Kolb** is president of the Michigan Environmental Council, a statewide coalition of 70 environmental, public health and faith-based nonprofit groups. Before joining the MEC, Kolb represented Ann Arbor in the state House for six years and served six years on the Ann Arbor City Council. He has been president of the MEC for six years.

**Matthew Davis, M.D., M.A.P.P.**, is professor of pediatrics and internal medicine at the University of Michigan Health System and professor of public policy at the Gerald R. Ford School at the University of Michigan, having joined the faculty in 2000. Davis also is a professor of health management and policy at the School of Public Health. He previously served as the chief medical executive of the Michigan Department of Community Health/Department of Health and Human Services.

**Eric Rothstein** is a national water issues consultant and principal at the Galardi Rothstein Group. He served as an independent advisor on the creation of the Great Lakes Water Authority. Rothstein also has served as Jefferson County, Alabama's rate consultant and municipal adviser for litigation related to the county's bankruptcy and issuance of \$1.7 billion in sewer warrants and led strategic financial planning for the City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management. He has more than 30 years of experience in water, wastewater and stormwater utility finance and rate-making assessments.

**Lawrence Reynolds, M.D.**, is a pediatrician in Flint who serves as president of the Mott Children's Health Center. He received his medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine and has been in practice for 36 years. He has served as president of the Genesee County Medical Society and the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He has been honored for his humanitarian and advocacy efforts on behalf of children from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

Snyder has said reconnecting with the authority is a critical step to resolving water quality issues and addressing related health concerns. It will not immediately resolve the city's problem with lead service lines or aging infrastructure. It will take time for pipes in Flint to become coated with the phosphate corrosion control.

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 4:57 PM  
**To:** 'Hillebrands, Joan'  
**Subject:** RE: Delegation Agenda

Is Fred coming into office before he goes over to the meeting?

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**From:** Hillebrands, Joan [<mailto:Joan.Hillebrands@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 4:56 PM  
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**From:** Ratner, Mark  
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Got it...thanks

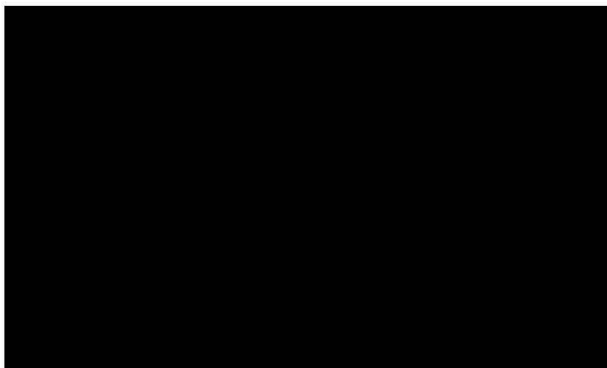
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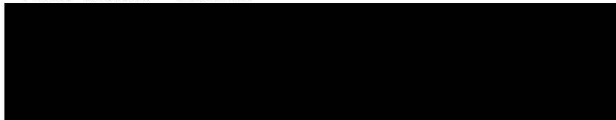
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Flint Water - Kildee



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**From:** Ratner, Mark [<mailto:Mark.Ratner@mail.house.gov>]  
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**Subject:** RE: Delegation Agenda

Works for me

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**From:** Sweeney, Bill (Stabenow) [[mailto:Bill\\_Sweeney@stabenow.senate.gov](mailto:Bill_Sweeney@stabenow.senate.gov)]  
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**To:** Ratner, Mark; Hillebrands, Joan; VanKuiken, Matt (Stabenow)  
**Subject:** RE: Delegation Agenda

I think I should move Conyers above Kildee and can I put Benishek after Conyers?

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**From:** Ratner, Mark [<mailto:Mark.Ratner@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 4:37 PM  
**To:** Hillebrands, Joan; Sweeney, Bill (Stabenow); VanKuiken, Matt (Stabenow)  
**Subject:** RE: Delegation Agenda

Just heard from Benishek's office. They want to add Soo Locks to the agenda if they can. Does that work?

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**From:** Hillebrands, Joan  
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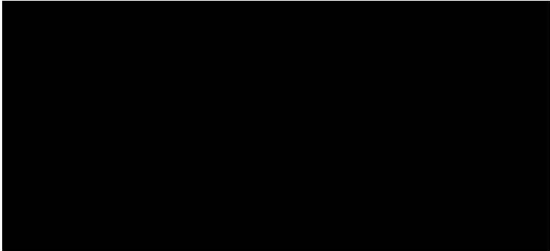
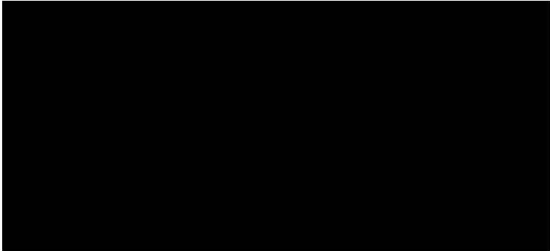
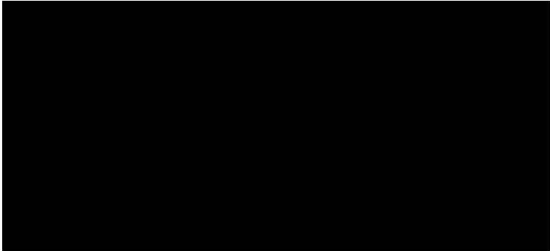
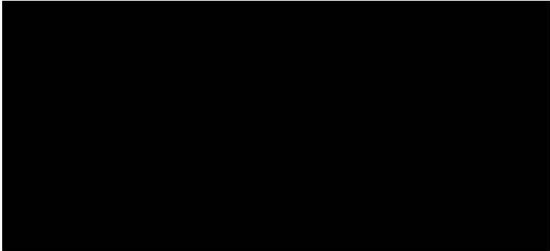
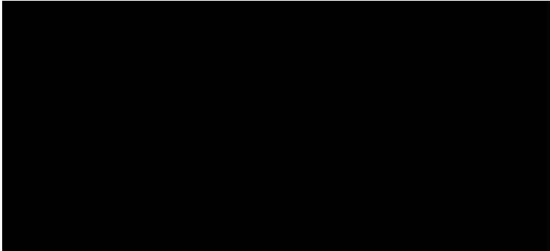
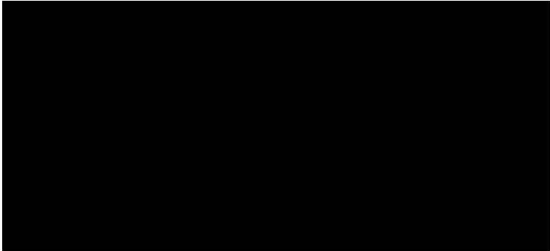
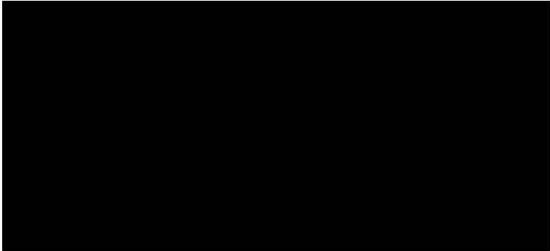
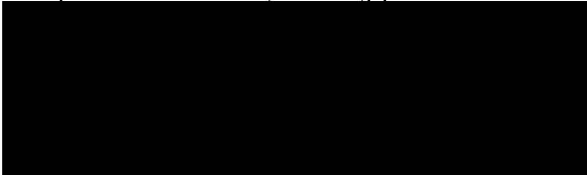
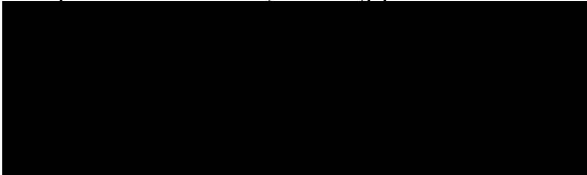
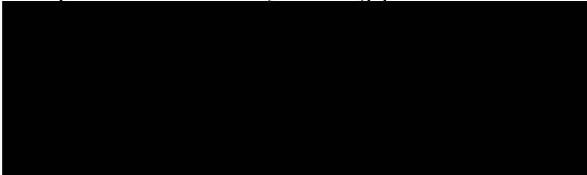
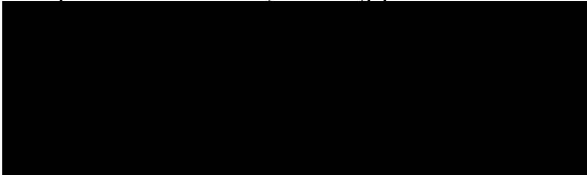
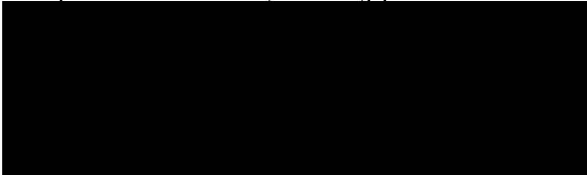
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**Subject:** Delegation Agenda

Attached is the agenda – does that look ok to everyone?

Here's the text

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**Bill Sweeney**  
Chief of Staff

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U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow  
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**From:** Mcbride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 6:51 PM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Join Me Wednesday for an Update on Flint Water

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Dear

The Flint water crisis is a failure of government at every level, and I am committed to increasing transparency and finding answers to ensure that these failures never happen again. That's why I have [called for an investigation into the causes of water problems in Flint](#).

Simply put, high lead levels in Flint's drinking water are unacceptable, and there must be accountability.

As part of my ongoing efforts, I am holding a **telephone town hall with constituents on Wednesday, October 28th, at 7 p.m. ET** to provide an update on my efforts. I'll be joined by both Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and Dr. Marc Edwards, who both conducted critical tests that exposed unacceptable lead levels in Flint. On the live call, we will also answer questions from Flint residents.

If you're interested in joining our conversation, please RSVP [here](#), or fill out the form below.

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What is your Last Name?  
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For months, I have been pressing state and federal agencies for immediate resources and action to improve and restore confidence in water quality. At the federal level, I am pushing for resources to ensure the safety of water, but also make much-needed repairs to our city's aging water system and infrastructure. *The Flint Journal* covered these federal efforts in March. You can view them [here](#).

Additionally, I welcome the announcement recently that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will send technical advisors to Flint to assist the city and state. I have repeatedly asked the EPA to send these much-needed experts to help improve the water quality and hopefully restore some public confidence in the safety of our water.

Serious issues remain, and there is a long way to go before complete confidence in the city's drinking water is restored. I am committed to working to ensure that Flint residents get a thorough investigation and answers to their questions.

I hope you'll join me next Wednesday for a telephone town hall update on Flint water.

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Dan Kildee

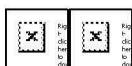
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**To:** Calley, Brian (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: NEWS RELEASE: Gov. Rick Snyder announces Flint Water Task Force to review state, federal and municipal actions, offer recommendations

So, I opened up the draft that was distributed earlier this afternoon, found a typo in the first paragraph and decided to see if 17 sets of eyes plus whoever proofs copy in Comms would catch it. Nope.

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“Transitioning back to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department-Great Lakes Water Authority is a good first step to protecting public health in Flint, but it’s not the last step,” Snyder said. “Bringing in outside experts to evaluate our actions and help monitor and advise on potential changes to law, procedures and practices will be key to continuing work on the comprehensive action plan and ensuring safe drinking water for all the residents in Flint and all of Michigan.”

Snyder said the administration will fully cooperate with task force members, saying he wants an unbiased report focusing on steps taken in the past and recommendations that could improve practices to ensure all residents have access to safe, clean water.

**Ken Sikkema** is a senior policy fellow at Public Sector Consultants, where he specializes in public finance, environment, and energy policy. Prior to joining the firm, Sikkema served in both the Michigan House and Senate, culminating with four years as Senate majority leader. He has also served as both an adjunct and visiting professor at Grand Valley State University.

**Chris Kolb** is president of the Michigan Environmental Council, a statewide coalition of 70 environmental, public health and faith-based nonprofit groups. Before joining the MEC, Kolb represented Ann Arbor in the state House for six years and served six years on the Ann Arbor City Council. He has been president of the MEC for six years.

**Matthew Davis**, M.D., M.A.P.P., is professor of pediatrics and internal medicine at the University of Michigan Health System and professor of public policy at the Gerald R. Ford School at the University of Michigan, having joined the faculty in 2000. Davis also is a professor of health management and policy at the School of Public Health. He previously served as the chief medical executive of the Michigan Department of Community Health/Department of Health and Human Services.

**Eric Rothstein** is a national water issues consultant and principal at the Galardi Rothstein Group. He served as an independent advisor on the creation of the Great Lakes Water Authority. Rothstein also has served as Jefferson County, Alabama’s rate consultant and municipal adviser for litigation related to the county’s bankruptcy and issuance of \$1.7 billion in sewer warrants and led strategic financial planning for the City of Atlanta’s Department of Watershed Management. He has more than 30 years of experience in water, wastewater and stormwater utility finance and rate-making assessments.

**Lawrence Reynolds**, M.D., is a pediatrician in Flint who serves as president of the Mott Children’s Health Center. He received his medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine and has been in practice for 36 years. He has served as president of the Genesee County Medical Society and the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He has been honored for his humanitarian and advocacy efforts on behalf of children from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

Snyder has said reconnecting with the authority is a critical step to resolving water quality issues and addressing related health concerns. It will not immediately resolve the city’s problem with lead service lines or aging infrastructure. It will take time for pipes in Flint to become coated with the phosphate corrosion control.

To best protect public health, state and local authorities will continue to carry out steps outlined on Oct. 2 in a comprehensive action plan, including continued testing, the use of faucet filters and providing residents with accurate information about steps to eliminate lead exposure. The Michigan

Departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services are continuing to provide free water filters, free lead testing through the state laboratory for Flint water customers, and hiring additional staff to conduct health exposure monitoring for lead in drinking water.

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**From:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 05, 2016 9:41 AM  
**To:** Calley, Brian (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Flint

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**From:** Holland, Meegan (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 05, 2016 6:32 PM  
**To:** Calley, Brian (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Flint Water

Man, this is heartening. Thanks for noting this.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 5, 2016, at 5:46 PM, Calley, Brian (GOV) <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
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> Exceeding expectations should be the goal. Great work everyone on making this happen today.  
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> MLive quote from the Mayor:  
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> "I did not expect it (the governor's decision) as quickly as it happened, but I'll take it," Weaver said. "I believed this was what Flint should have. I'm going to keep my positive attitude going forward."  
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**From:** Calley, Brian (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 7:34 AM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Det News EAA Stroy

My gut tells me that we should change our posture and stories like this. On Flint water and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Flint would be a little bit different, but the same type of attitude might be helpful. There will be intense scrutiny and investigations on every aspect of the Flint water issue. I'd rather have the governor be the one pounding his fist on the table demanding answers, than Progress Michigan. In fact, perhaps we should ask somebody to open an investigation, or maybe an internal investigation. Just something to show that we are doing more than fixing the problem, we are getting all the answers to ensure it never happens again.

On Oct 15, 2015, at 6:41 AM, Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <[AgenJ@michigan.gov](mailto:AgenJ@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Laura,

Get with me or Sara this morning, so you & LG can get all the background on this.

Det News rushed this story last night and buried the fact that the EAA actually reported this to the authorities for an investigation and have been coordinating with Feds all along.

This is the statement that was used last night. But we are going to have to say more on it today.

*The EAA has been notified by the FBI that it is a possible victim in an ongoing investigation. This investigation resulted from evidence of discrepancies and potential misconduct discovered internally at the EAA and immediately referred to state and federal law enforcement officials. We have been specifically requested not to discuss or disclose any information regarding the investigation, and we are honoring that request except to say we have and will continue to fully cooperate with the investigation."*

Fed corruption probe targets DPS, EAA officials

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/10/14/dps-eaa-probe/73967136/>

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**From:** Calley, Brian (GOV)  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 03, 2016 6:45 PM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Neely

Most state reps in the minority party spend 6 years in pure irrelevance, so this is just his way of mattering. He is not productive and he is not going to be productive. The issue is worth more to him in the media than it ever could as a problem solver.

Even so, we still need to engage with him and keep him up to date so that it's harder for him to make such over the top statements such as are covered in this article. But we need a friend on the ground and at this point, the mayor is our best bet. We should bend over backward to say yes to her as much as we can and make sure that she is out front taking credit for delivering things from the governor - not the rep or senator who are actually hindering progress at this point.

On Jan 3, 2016, at 6:22 PM, Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <[AgenJ@michigan.gov](mailto:AgenJ@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Not productive, let alone not true.

1) Meegan & Dave: In an RPA way, make sure the record is correct here. At least all our recent actions should be included here.

2) Is it worth bringing Neely in to explain all we are doing? Or is he going to keep this up no matter what?

[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2016/01/state\\_rep\\_sheldon\\_neeley\\_calls.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2016/01/state_rep_sheldon_neeley_calls.html)

*At some point in time one of the emergency managers, unbeknownst to the city council, made a decision that they would start the process and we're going to use the Flint River water as the primary source of water," he said.*



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**From:** Calley, Brian (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 7:55 PM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint Declaration

**Any way we can issue the declaration tomorrow?**

### **Snyder Gathering Info On Declaring Emergency In Flint**

Gov. Rick **SNYDER**'s administration is gathering the “information about the resources needed” to declare a state of emergency in Flint from the lead-in-the-water crisis.

The Governor's office confirmed this after the Genesee County Board of Commissioners voted to declare a state of emergency in Flint today.

Snyder spokesperson Dave **MURRAY** said after the vote today, the Michigan State Police's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is working with Genesee County on the next steps.

“But prior to a formal declaration, we are recognizing this as an emergency and are working with city and county leaders to coordinate efforts, streamline communication and tap all available resources at the state's control,” Murray said.

Senate Minority Leader Jim **ANANICH** (D-Flint) issued a statement today, saying, "This is an important step in the process and the Governor should make a swift decision. I'll continue pushing hard to make sure we receive additional resources that address immediate and long-term needs, and that they are used efficiently and effectively."

A Governor's declaration of emergency would trigger more state resources and assistance with the crisis, and locals can request this if the recovery efforts are beyond the ability of the local government.

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**From:** Adams, Dominic [DADAMS5@mlive.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 13, 2015 9:08 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Darnell Earley

Dave:

This is Dominic Adams at The Flint Journal. I haven't been able to leave you a message on your cell phone.

I have some questions in relation to Flint Emergency Manager Darnell Earley's appointment as EM of Detroit Public Schools.

When this will take place?

What does this mean for Flint – a new emergency manager, transition advisory board, something else?

What does this mean for the water discussions here?

Please respond as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Dominic Adams | metro reporter | [The Flint Journal](#) | 810-241-8803 | [dadams5@mlive.com](mailto:dadams5@mlive.com) |  
[On Twitter](#) | [On Facebook](#) |

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**From:** Fonger, Ronald [RFONGER1@mlive.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 10:28 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Subject:** Mayor Walling's letter to the governor

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**Subject:** Fwd: Mayor Walling's letter to the governor

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 12:09 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Mayor Walling's letter to the governor

1st places to start are usually checking with Constits, treasury, and Wendy ...

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2015, at 12:06 PM, "Murray, David (GOV)" <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

I am. Trying to find out how it was sent, and who it was sent to.

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**From:** Quinlan, Hanna (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 1:50 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Cc:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Subject:** PHONE MESSAGE-Drew from NBC in Flint

Drew from a NBC station in Flint is doing a story on a letter the mayor wrote regarding water in Detroit. The story is airing at 6 PM and he would like it by 3:30 or earlier. He can be reached at [REDACTED]

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**From:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 4:35 PM  
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**From:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2015 4:59 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Big Flint meeting

Will get you some additional info...what's "soon?" Tonight...over the weekend?

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**From:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2015 4:18 PM  
**To:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Subject:** Big Flint meeting

Hi Terry,

Sara and Jarrod asked me to touch base about the big water meeting in Flint last night. There's a chance G will encounter some Flint television reporters soon.

The info you provided yesterday was great.

Do you or Jerry have any talking points about the issue that we could give the governor, and is there anything in particular you think he should say if asked about the situation?

Thank you very much!

**Dave Murray**  
Deputy Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder  
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517-335-6397, office  
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**From:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2015 5:46 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint

Not a prob. Hope it works for you.

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**From:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2015 5:45 PM  
**To:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint

You are fantastic! Sorry I held you up. Thank you, Terry!

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**From:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2015 5:43 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint  
**Importance:** High

Dave...

Please see the attached, which includes the info I shared yesterday. I have asked Brad at DEQ if he has anything more, as they have had more involvement on the water issue. I will forward anything he sends me. I believe there is a meeting next week with the G to discuss this issue, though clearly he may face media questions well before that occurs.

We suggest the G say the ***residents deserve clean, safe water and EM Jerry Ambrose, his management team and the DEQ are working to ensure that...and that the State will be a resource where and when possible (as we have with other issues, ie, crime).***

I cannot speak to other "requests" in the Mayor's letter (dated 1-18), which seek waivers, Federal and State funding, etc.

As you will see in the document, the city is committed to addressing the issue and in fact, has taken numerous steps (with guidance and/or approval from DEQ) to date.

Hope this helps.



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**From:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 8:52 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Paciorek, Josh (GOV); Rexford, Tori (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Silfven, Ken (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Hit Time and Focus for Today's 11a b

I've asked Josh to pull Gov's statement on Supreme Court/Same-Sex to refresh Gov.  
Also -- we'll need anything state has said on Flint water (if anything).

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 8:50 AM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Paciorek, Josh (GOV); Rexford, Tori (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Silfven, Ken (GOV)  
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Good Morning Sara!

As of now, we have Governor Snyder hitting with John Berman and Kate Bolduan at about 11:20a ET. The FOX studio is good to go!

Thanks again!  
Marie

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**To:** Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Silfven, Ken (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV)  
**Cc:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Call from Bridge magazine on Flint water

Thanks for the note and heads up, Karen.

This really need to be a conversation that's had with our teams (Gov, DEQ & Treasury) real quick. It's likely that you or Treasury are going to need to be the leads, *not* the governor's office.

Apparently, FYI, one of your folks (Steve Busch) has already had long conversations with Chastity, who is a tenacious reporter just in case you may not be familiar with her.

Looping in Dave M who's helping pull background and latest on this together. He'll be in touch asap.

Thanks much,  
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**From:** Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 11:37 AM  
**To:** Silfven, Ken (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV)  
**Cc:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Call from Bridge magazine on Flint water

Chastity Pratt from Bridge magazine contacted our drinking water staff to ask about the letter Mayor Walling sent the Governor requesting assistance on the city's drinking water situation. I had staff direct the call to your office.

Let me know if you'd like us to respond in some fashion. Thanks!

Karen Tommasulo  
Public Information Officer  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
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[tommasulok@michigan.gov](mailto:tommasulok@michigan.gov)

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**From:** Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 2:01 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: interview for article on Flint drinking water

Hi Dave,

Here's the info Steve Busch on our drinking water staff has already sent to Chastity. I didn't realize the question on the mayor's letter to the Governor was just one question in a string of them, so it looks like he did provide quite a bit of information already. However, he has not had any other conversation with her.

Sara said you would be in touch on coordinating a response, so I wanted to make sure you had all the info. Let me know how you'd like to proceed. Karen

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**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 1:09 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Datema, Maggie (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)  
**Subject:** FW: interview for article on Flint drinking water

FYI. Bridge Magazine request for information. See below. Note Letter to Governor office deferred to Governor's Office at this time.

Stephen Busch, P.E.  
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**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 1:07 PM  
**To:** 'Chastity Pratt'  
**Subject:** RE: interview for article on Flint drinking water

Ms. Pratt Please see responses to your questions below.

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**Subject:** interview for article on Flint drinking water

Hi,

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My major questions:

1. Several agencies and officials are involved - can you clarify DEQ's role in the Flint water situation?

The City of Flint water system is one of over 1400 Community Water Systems in Michigan regulated under the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 Public Act 399, as amended), which incorporates requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The DEQ Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance has been given authority for oversight of these regulations. DEQ regulatory oversight is mainly conducted through inspections, review of monitoring information (this includes sample results and operations data), issuance of construction permits for water systems, and planning (reliability, emergency response, capital improvement, operation and maintenance, etc.) As both community water systems and the DEQ desire the mutual goal of safe water, the DEQ works proactively in partnership with water systems to provide compliance assistance. This also includes activities such as source water protection and infrastructure funding.

2. What is the DEQ's response to the mayor's request for assistance?

As indicated by phone this letter was directed to the Governor's Office and should be followed up with that office for response at this point in time.

3. What on-going testing is DEQ doing with Flint water and how often?

The City is required to follow all state and federal monitoring requirements under Act 399. This includes sample analysis of over 90 contaminants with health based drinking water standards along with monitoring of its source, treatment, and distribution operations. Sample analysis frequency is based on the specific contaminant type, its level of detection if any, and its potential variability.

In regards to total coliform and e.coli bacteria compliance monitoring, the City is required to analyze at least 100 samples each monthly compliance period from its distribution system.

In regards to Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) compliance monitoring, the City is required to collect quarterly samples from 8 locations in its distribution system. The TTHM standard is based on a Running Annual Average for each of the 8 locations, rather than individual sample results. The location and timing of these samples is based on worst case conditions in the water system to identify the highest level of long term exposure.

4. So far, how many drinking water violations have occurred in Flint since the switch to Flint River water and what sanctions - if any - does the city face?

The City has had the following Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) standard violations:

E.Coli Acute bacteria MCL violation, August 2014

Total Coliform bacteria MCL violation, September 2014

TTHM locational running annual average MCL violation, October-December quarter (2 of 8 sites)

There are generally two requirements in regards to the violations: Public Notification and corrective action

Public Notice for acute health threats like the e.coli MCL must be made within 24 hours of the violation.

Public Notice for non-acute health threats such as total coliform bacteria and TTHM must be made within 30 days of the violation.

Corrective action regarding bacteria detections generally involves taking steps to disinfect and repair the affected areas and sampling to obtain confirmation the bacteria source is has been addressed.

The City has remained in compliance with this standard for each of the monthly monitoring periods since September, including thus far in January

Corrective action for TTHM involves taking steps to reduce the amount of TTHM so that they are below the standard. The City is required to complete an Operational Evaluation report within 90 days of the violation. This report includes examination of treatment and distribution operational practices (source water quality, treatment changes, storage tank operations, excess storage capacity, distribution system flushing, treatment problems that contribute to TTHM formation. The City proactively completed an Operational Evaluation following sample results from August 2014, and is now completing another operational evaluation further evaluated based on information from the November monitoring. November monitoring showed individual sample results now below the standard at 7 of 8 locations. However, as noted compliance is determined based on a running annual average at each location.

##### 5. What does DEQ tell Flint residents who call DEQ with concerns about discolored water?

Callers indicating discoloration or other aesthetic water quality issues are directed to contact the Flint DPW to allow the DPW staff to investigate the situation. Generally color, odor and taste are aesthetic water quality issues not related to any health based standards including total coliform bacteria, e.coli bacteria, and TTHM.

Treated water is monitored for color at the Water Treatment Plant as part of its operation, and has not been abnormal. The City of Flint has over 500 miles of distribution piping and conditions in some isolated sections of water main piping or private premise plumbing may cause changes to aesthetic conditions such as color, taste, or odor.

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**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** PHONE MESSAGE: Ron Fonger - Flint Journal

Ran called to follow up an email he sent you earlier today. He asked that I flag it for you as his deadline is EOB today. His phone number is in the email.

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By Flint Mayor Dayne Walling

Access to safe and clean water is a basic human right. And a citizen's right to safe drinking water should not be based on how much money you earn, the neighborhood you live in or if your local government is under the control of an emergency manager.

All citizens have a fundamental right to know that such a critical resource as their water supply is safe and accessible. But that is not happening in Flint at the moment.

That is why, on January 18<sup>th</sup>, I forwarded a request that Governor Snyder adopt my Flint Water Improvement Plan. My plan, focused on the areas of safety, quality, access, investment and education, starts by calling for 100 percent safety as the standard for water.

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Got it. Thanks dave

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**From:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 5:00 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Story on Flint drinking water

Not sure there is much more to say at this point.

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On Jan 26, 2015, at 4:42 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Hi Terry,

Thanks for your help on all this. I was planning to give Chastity a variation of the quote you gave me last week, unless you think we should take a different approach. Thanks for all your help on all this. Here was the quote from last week: -

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**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 12:27 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
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**Subject:** Re: Story on Flint drinking water

Thanks!

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 5:15 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Hi Chastity, here you go:

Flint residents deserve clean, safe water. Emergency Manager Jerry Ambrose and his management team are working closely with the state Department of Environmental Quality on a variety of aspects regarding the city's water supply. The state government has worked closely with Flint leaders on a number of issues affecting residents, such as public safety. State agencies will continue to be a resource where and when possible on this and other issues.

Dave

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**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 12:33 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Story on Flint drinking water

I have been in contact with Steve Busch at DEQ. He's working on getting some responses for me.

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 12:29 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

You might want to run some of those past Brad Wurfel at the DEQ, too. He's the expert of some off the technical questions.

Sent from my iPad

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Good idea!

I called the Flint EM directly but will call Terry, too!

Thanks,  
-cpd

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 12:06 PM, Murray, David (GOV)

<[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)<<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>><<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov><<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>>>> wrote:

Sure thing, but have you contacted Terry Stanton in Treasury? He's the place to start, as EMs fall under Treasury.

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 26, 2015, at 11:53 AM, Chastity Pratt

<[cpratt@bridgemi.com](mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com)<<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>>><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>>>> wrote:

Hi, Dave,

I am working on a deadline story about Flint's drinking water. My story will focus on state involvement and state policy.

My major questions:

1. What is the governor's response to the letter Mayor Walling sent last week asking for assistance?
2. What other state agencies - if any - can help residents (especially the poor) who are asking for help filtering water or getting higher quality water?
3. Essentially - with some residents complaining about the water quality - what can the state do to help?

Could you please give me a comment/call today?

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**To:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint DBP MCL 4Q14  
**Attachments:** Flint DBP MCL 4Q14.doc



RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
LANSING DISTRICT OFFICE



DAN WYANT  
DIRECTOR

December 15, 2014

Mr. Brent Wright, Operation Supervisor  
City Of Flint - DPW  
Flint Water Plant  
4500 North Dort Highway  
Flint, MI 48505

WSSN: 02310

Dear Mr. Wright:

SUBJECT: Violation Notice – Maximum Contaminant Level for Total Trihalomethanes  
Operational Evaluation – Total Trihalomethanes  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2014 Monitoring Period

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance (ODWMA), records show that the City of Flint is in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399); R 325.10610, *Maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for disinfection byproducts*, of the 1979 Administrative Code.

In accordance with R.325.10610, *MCLs for disinfection byproducts*, of the 1979 Administrative Code, the MCL for disinfection byproduct total trihalomethanes (TTHM) is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) as a Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) at each monitoring location. As listed in the table below, our records show that the City of Flint's highest TTHM locational running annual average (LRAA), based on the last three quarters, ending November 30, 2014, is 0.099 mg/l which exceeds the standard, and that two of the eight sample site locations exceed the standard of 0.080 mg/L.

Further, in accordance with R325.10719l, *Disinfection byproducts: operational evaluation levels*, of the 1979 Administrative Code, when an operational evaluation level (OEL) at a monitoring location for TTHM exceeds 0.080 mg/L, a supply shall conduct an operational evaluation and submit a written report of the evaluation to the department not later than 90 days after being notified of the analytical result that causes the supply to exceed the operational evaluation level. As listed in the table below, our records show that TTHM operational evaluation levels for the City of Flint exceed 0.080 mg/L at four of the City's eight sample site locations.

TTHM Results (mg/L)					
	5/21/14	8/21/14	11/20/14	LRAA	OEL
DBP1 McDonalds 3719 Davison	<b>0.162</b>	<b>0.145</b>	0.059	<b>0.092</b>	<b>0.106</b>
DBP2 Liquor Palace 3302 S. Dort Highway	<b>0.112</b>	<b>0.127</b>	0.033	0.068	0.076
DBP3 North Flint Auto 6204 N. Saginaw St.	<b>0.097</b>	<b>0.118</b>	0.041	0.064	0.074
DBP4 University Market 2501 Flushing Road	<b>0.106</b>	<b>0.196</b>	<b>0.094</b>	<b>0.099</b>	<b>0.122</b>
DBP5 Taco Bell 3606 Corunna Road	0.079	<b>0.181</b>	0.034	0.074	<b>0.082</b>
DBP6 Rite-Aid Pharmacy 5018 Clio Road	<b>0.088</b>	<b>0.144</b>	0.054	0.072	<b>0.085</b>
DBP7 Salem Housing 3216 MLK Boulevard	<b>0.082</b>	<b>0.112</b>	0.050	0.061	0.074
DBP8 BP Gas Station 822 S. Dort Highway	0.075	<b>0.112</b>	0.036	0.056	0.065

Our investigation consisted of a review of ODWMA files for laboratory reports received for compliance monitoring. Our investigation is considered complete. This violation began on December 1, 2014, and will continue until TTHM LRAA is below the MCL at all sample sites.

We acknowledge and appreciate the city's cooperation with our recommendation to preemptively conduct an Operational Evaluation following the City's second quarterly round of monitoring in August. That Operational Evaluation report has identified possible causes and corrective measures for the elevated TTHM levels which we encourage the City continue implementing. These modifications have likely contributed in part to the reduction in TTHM levels reported in the most recent quarter, and suggest the City may be able to achieve compliance with the TTHM standard.

Our office is continuing to review the Operational Evaluation report that was submitted on December 1, 2014, and will provide the City and their consultant comments as needed to help address this MCL violation.

Water systems that exceed the OEL must complete and submit an Operational Evaluation in accordance with Administrative Rule 719I (R325.10719I) within 90 days of being notified of the violation. **An updated Operational Evaluation report, which incorporates the most recent sample results, must now be completed and received by our office by no later than March 1, 2015.**

If you have any other factual information you would like us to consider regarding the violation identified in this Violation Notice (VN), please provide them in a written response by January 15, 2015.

Administrative rule R 325.10403 of Act 399 requires that suppliers provide public notice (PN) as soon as practical, but no later than thirty (30) days after the supplier learns of this type of violation, by mail or direct delivery **and** by any other means reasonably calculated to reach customers not normally reached by mail. Enclosed is a sample PN which contains the minimum required language. The City is encouraged to include

additional information regarding its response to this violation. **Please notify your consumers by January 10, 2015, and send us a signed and dated copy of the notice that you issued within ten (10) days of distributing the public notice.** This violation must also be included in your 2014 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), due by July 1, 2015. The PN must be repeated every quarter until you no longer exceed the TTHM standard. Failure to issue a PN for this violation will result in a fine of at least \$1,000 per event, with a maximum of \$5,000 per violation.

We anticipate and appreciate your continued cooperation in resolving this matter. If you have any questions regarding this VN, please contact us at the numbers below.

Sincerely,

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Michael F. Prysby, P.E., District Engineer  
Lansing District Office  
Office of Drinking Water & Municipal  
Assistance  
[REDACTED]

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Adam Rosenthal, EQA  
Lansing District Office  
Office of Drinking Water & Municipal  
Assistance  
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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Darnell Early, Emergency Manager, City of Flint  
Mr. Daughtry Johnson, City of Flint  
Mr. Howard Croft, City of Flint  
Mr. Robert Bincsik, City of Flint  
Ms. Jennifer Crooks, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5  
Genesee County Health Department  
Ms. Liane Shekter Smith, P.E., DEQ  
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Mr. Stephen Busch, P.E., DEQ

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## City of Flint Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Samples were collected for total trihalomethanes (TTHM) analysis from eight locations on a quarterly basis (May 21, August 21, and November 20 of 2014). The average of the results at **ANY** of the eight locations must not exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHMs, otherwise our water system exceeds the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The standard for TTHMs is 80 µg/L. The location reporting the highest TTHM level was 99 ug/L; thus, our water system exceeds the TTHM MCL.

### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.
- You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

*People who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

### What is being done?

We are currently working on solutions to correct the problem. We anticipate resolving the problem by 2015.

For more information, please contact Mr. Brent Wright at 517-787-6537 or the Flint Water Plant at 4500 North Dort Highway, Flint, MI 48505.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Flint.

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CERTIFICATION:

WSSN: 02310

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification requirements in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

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Signature

Title

Date Distributed

Reminder to water supplier: This notice / certification must be sent to the DEQ.

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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2015 12:17 PM  
**To:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Flint Water Update

Answers the question about whether the Mayor is getting counsel from TR ...  
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**From:** Kelly Rossman-McKinney [<mailto:krossman@truscottrossman.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2015 12:01 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Flint Water Update

Hi, Brad – Wanted to let you know that Flint will be announcing its water consultant tomorrow at a 2 PM media roundtable. Holler if you have questions or need info. Thanks!

Kelly



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Heads up to all that Flint is required to do its quarterly TTHM sampling again in February. We expect their numbers to be in compliance. But we also expect that they were so far out of compliance in three quarters of 2014 that their annual average will still be out of compliance, which will require them to send another letter to the community in accordance with the safe drinking water act. So the show will, unfortunately, go on.

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What she may have decided to do...or not do...over the last month or so, I wouldn't hazard a guess. What you describe seems pretty slimy...of course, PR types don't always have the best of reputations.

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Sent from my iPad

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There are few things consultants love more than a client with a problem that cannot be solved.

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It seems as if a crisis was created to provide work for a consultant client.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** RE: MEDIA ADVISORY: DPW Water Quality Update

Only that Jason indicates things remain stable. It is time for the city to send out another required notice, which will almost certainly ramp things up.

He said he would fwd info as he can.

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 10:15 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: MEDIA ADVISORY: DPW Water Quality Update

Do we have any details on this front?

**From:** Jason Lorenz [<mailto:jlorenz@cityofflint.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 8:31 AM  
**Subject:** MEDIA ADVISORY: DPW Water Quality Update

## **FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY**

**MEDIA ADVISORY: The City of Flint Department of Public Works will be providing the media with an update on water quality.**

**WHEN: Friday, March 27, 2015 at 2:00pm**

**WHERE: Mayor's Office Conference Room, Flint City Hall**

-Jason Lorenz  
Public Information Officer  
City of Flint  
(810) 237-2039  
[jlorenz@cityofflint.com](mailto:jlorenz@cityofflint.com)

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**Attachments:** 20150416053843464.pdf

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2015 5:52 PM  
**To:** jordan.dickinson@mail.house.gov  
**Cc:** Hovey, Amy; Beckmann, Ronna Erin; Fortin, Denise  
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Thank you,

Eileen Deamer

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Regional Administrator  
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**APR 15 2015**

The Honorable Daniel Kildee  
House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kildee:

Thank you for your March 26, 2015 letter seeking clarification as to whether the Safe Drinking Water Act and associated regulations allow the State of Michigan to forgive outstanding principal due on loans that were made to the City of Flint through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Your letter points out the challenges that Flint is currently facing and indicates that the Congressional Research Service has identified potentially applicable legal authority that may provide a basis for loan forgiveness. Unfortunately, the provisions cited in your letter apply only to new loans. The existing loans that are the focus of your inquiry are not eligible for forgiveness.

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as well as regulation and recent appropriations language, forgiveness of principal is termed "an additional subsidy." The concept of additional subsidy is set out in Section 1452 (d) of the Act:

(1) Loan subsidy:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, in any case in which the State makes a loan pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of this section to a disadvantaged community or to a community that the State expects to become a disadvantaged community as the result of a proposed project, the State may provide additional subsidization (including forgiveness of principal).

(2) Total amount of subsidies:

For each fiscal year, the total amount of loan subsidies made by a State pursuant to paragraph (1) may not exceed 30 percent of the amount of the capitalization grant received by the State for the year.

Under the corresponding regulation, 40 CFR Section 35.3525 (b):

(1) A State may provide loan subsidies (e.g., loans which include principal forgiveness, negative interest rate loans) to benefit communities meeting the State's definition of "disadvantaged" or which the State expects to become "disadvantaged" as a result of the project. Loan subsidies in the form of reduced interest rate loans that are at or above zero percent do not fall under the 30 percent allowance described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(2) A State may take an amount equal to no more than 30 percent of the amount of a particular fiscal year's capitalization grant to provide loan subsidies to disadvantaged communities. If a State does not take the entire 30 percent allowance associated with a particular fiscal year's capitalization grant, it cannot reserve the authority to take the remaining balance of the allowance from future capitalization grants.

The outstanding Flint loans that are the subject of your inquiry were made in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2003. In these years, the State had the option of providing additional subsidy when making these initial loans. To exercise this option the State would have been required to issue an intended use plan identifying the new, initial financing and to determine Flint's eligibility to receive principal forgiveness. Pursuant to 40 CFR 35.3525 (b)(2), a State may not reserve the authority to provide loan subsidies; this means a state cannot allocate any previously unallocated loan subsidy using current funds.

Since the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Congressional appropriations have provided additional language to further clarify the timing and use of additional subsidy – language which you reference in your letter:

Provided further, that not less than 20 percent but not more than 30 percent of the funds made available under this title to each State for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grants shall be used by the State to provide additional subsidy to eligible recipients in the form of forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, or grants (or any combination of these), and shall be used by the State only where such funds are provided as initial financing for an eligible recipient or to buy, refinance, or restructure the debt obligations of eligible recipients *only where such debt was incurred on or after the date of enactment of this Act:...* (emphasis added).

Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Pub. Law 113-235

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Although the loans that are the subject of your inquiry are not eligible for loan forgiveness, the City of Flint may have opportunities to seek principal forgiveness in connection with new applications for State SRF funding. EPA is available to provide assistance with that process if requested to do so.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ronna Beckmann or Denise Fortin, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at (312) 886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. Hedman', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Susan Hedman  
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Didn't see that coming. Well, actually...

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You probably don't want us running Treasury, Chief.

Heads up that EPA Region V Administrator Hedman (author of the letter to Kildee) is in Flint today, talking about brownfields (and getting a lot of questions about water).

Kildee appears to have been too busy to announce he got that formal reply from EPA. However, apparently a few reporters had obtained a copy of it and inquired about it when the pair were in Flint.  
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**To:** Brown, Jessica (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Cc:** Smith, Jennifer (DCH); Wheaton, Bob (DHS)  
**Subject:** FW: Flint Drinking Water TTHM Standard Violation - 2nd quarter 2015  
**Attachments:** Flint VN TTHM 6\_9\_15.pdf

Heads up, Flint is about to get another one of those letters from us. This is once again about the Total Trihalo Methanes. They remain in violation of the standard. The water is fine, but because the standard is based on the average of four quarterly tests, it takes awhile for the 'violation' status to work its way out of the numbers.

So it may get press, but it's not indicative of actual water quality violation in the present sense.  
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**From:** Busch, Stephen (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2015 12:39 PM  
**To:** Howes, Sarah (DEQ); Pallone, Maggie (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Rosenthal, Adam (DEQ); Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ); Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Flint Drinking Water TTHM Standard Violation - 2nd quarter 2015

Attached is a copy of the Violation Notice and Public Notice Template being mailed to the City of Flint by the DEQ Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance regarding an exceedance of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) standard for Total Trihalomethanes at certain locations within the City's drinking water distribution system.

This violation notice is in response to updated monitoring completed in May 2015, which shows the locational running annual average for one of the City's eight compliance sampling locations continues to exceed MCL standard of 0.080 mg/L. It is however, important to note that all individual compliance sample results collected in both May and February were below the 0.080 mg/L levels.

You are being provided an electronic copy of this notice as exceedance of this drinking water standard is expected to generate inquiries from water system customers, news media, and the general public.

Sarah Howes or Maggie Pallone will be informing members of the Michigan legislature.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, you may contact Michael Prysby, District Engineer, DEQ-ODWMA at 517-290-8817, or you may contact me at the number below.

Stephen Busch, P.E.  
Lansing and Jackson District Supervisor  
Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance  
MDEQ  
517-643-2314



RICK SNYDER  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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LANSING DISTRICT OFFICE



DAN WYANT  
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June 9, 2015

Mr. Brent Wright, Operations Supervisor  
City Of Flint – Department of Public Works  
Flint Water Plant  
4500 North Dort Highway  
Flint, Michigan 48505

WSSN: 02310

Dear Mr. Wright:

SUBJECT: Violation Notice (VN) – Maximum Contaminant Level for Total  
Trihalomethanes (TTHM)  
2nd Quarter 2015 Monitoring Period

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance (ODWMA), records show that the city of Flint (City) is in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399); R 325.10610, *Maximum contaminant levels for disinfection byproducts (MCLs)*, of the 1979 Administrative Code.

In accordance with R 325.10610, *MCLs*, of the 1979 Administrative Code, the MCL for disinfection byproduct TTHM is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) as a Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) at each monitoring location. As listed in the table below, our records show that the City's highest TTHM LRAA, based on the last four quarters, ending June 30, 2015, is 0.094 mg/L which exceeds the standard, and at this time only one of the eight sample site locations exceed the LRAA standard of 0.080 mg/L.

Our investigation consisted of a review of ODWMA files for laboratory reports received for compliance monitoring. Our investigation is considered complete. This violation began on June 1, 2015, and will continue until the TTHM LRAA is below the MCL at all sample sites.

TTHM Results (mg/L)						
	8/21/14	11/20/14	2/17/15	5/18/15	LRAA	OEL
DBP1 McDonalds 3719 Davison	<b>0.145</b>	0.059	0.0162	0.0514	0.068	0.044
DBP2 Liquor Palace 3302 South Dort Highway	<b>0.127</b>	0.033	0.0168	0.0635	0.060	0.044
DBP3 North Flint Auto 6204 North Saginaw St.	<b>0.118</b>	0.041	0.0149	0.0452	0.055	0.037
DBP4 University Market 2501 Flushing Road	<b>0.196</b>	<b>0.094</b>	0.0245	0.0598	<b>0.094</b>	0.059
DBP5 Taco Bell 3606 Corunna Road	<b>0.181</b>	0.034	0.0151	0.0547	0.072	0.040
DBP6 Rite-Aid Pharmacy 5018 Clio Road	<b>0.144</b>	0.054	0.0192	0.0605	0.069	0.048
DBP7 Salem Housing 3216 MLK Boulevard	<b>0.112</b>	0.050	0.0285	0.0727	0.066	0.056
DBP8 BP Gas Station 822 South Dort Highway	<b>0.112</b>	0.036	0.0199	0.0461	0.054	0.037

We are encouraged by the results from the most recent round of compliance samples collected on May 18, 2015, which again show individual TTHM levels below 0.080 mg/L at all locations throughout the City's system. Operational Evaluation Reports from December 2014, February 2015, and May 2015, have identified possible causes and corrective measures for the previous elevated TTHM levels which we encourage the City to continue implementing. These modifications have likely contributed in part to the reduction in TTHM levels reported for the most recent quarter in comparison to levels in May 2014, and suggest the City may be able to achieve compliance with the TTHM standard at all sites by continuing these efforts.

Our office is currently reviewing the Operational Evaluation Report dated May 29, 2015, and will provide the City and their consultant with comments, as needed, to help address this MCL violation.

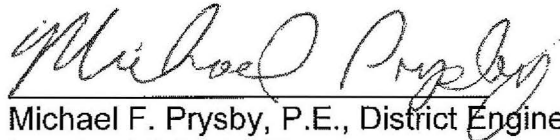
Further, the TTHM operational evaluation level (OEL) calculated in accordance with R 325.10719I, *Disinfection byproducts: operational evaluation levels*, of the 1979 Administrative Code, is now below the 0.080 mg/L operational evaluation trigger at all eight sample site locations. However, our office is requesting that an operational evaluation again be conducted incorporating the most recent sample results, given the increase in TTHM levels from February 2015 results, and that the next monitoring period of August has been identified as the City's peak month for TTHM levels. **Please provide our office with an updated Operational Evaluation Report by Monday, August 31, 2015.**

If you have any other factual information you would like us to consider regarding the violation identified in this VN, please provide them in a written response by June 23, 2015.

Administrative rule R 325.10403 of Act 399 requires that suppliers provide public notice (PN) as soon as practical, but no later than thirty (30) days after the supplier learns of this type of violation, by mail or direct delivery **and** by any other means reasonably calculated to reach customers not normally reached by mail. Enclosed is a sample PN which contains the minimum required language. The City is encouraged to include additional information regarding its response efforts to this violation. **Please notify your consumers by July 1, 2015, and send us a signed and dated copy of the notice that you issued within ten (10) days of distributing the PN.** This violation must also be included in your 2015 Consumer Confidence Report, due by July 1, 2016. The PN must be repeated every quarter until you no longer exceed the TTHM standard. Failure to issue a PN for this violation will result in a fine of at least \$1,000 per event, with a maximum of \$5,000 per violation.

We anticipate and appreciate your continued cooperation in resolving this matter. If you have any questions regarding this VN, please contact us at the numbers below; at prysbym@michigan.gov; or rosenthala@michigan.gov; or at DEQ, P.O. Box 30242, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7742.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Prysby, P.E., District Engineer  
Lansing District Office  
Office of Drinking Water and  
Municipal Assistance  
517-290-8817



Adam Rosenthal, Environmental Quality  
Analyst  
Lansing District Office  
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517-284-6644

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Jennifer Crooks, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5  
Mr. Robert Bincsik, City of Flint  
Mr. Howard Croft, City of Flint  
Mr. Michael Glasgow, City of Flint  
Genesee County Health Department  
Ms. Liane Shekter Smith, DEQ  
Mr. Richard Benzie, DEQ  
Mr. Stephen Busch, DEQ

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## City of Flint Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Samples were collected for total trihalomethanes (TTHM) analysis from eight locations on a quarterly basis (August 21, November 20 of 2014, and February 17 & May 18 of 2015). The average of the results at **ANY** of the eight locations must not exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHMs, otherwise our water system exceeds the MCL. The standard for TTHMs is 80 micro grams per liter (µg/L). The location reporting the highest TTHM level was 94 µg/L; thus, our water system exceeds the TTHM MCL.

### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.
- You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

*People who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

### What is being done?

We are currently working on solutions to correct the problem. We anticipate resolving the problem in 2015. Our most recent individual sample results were all less than the 80 µg/L standard, however since compliance is calculated using a locational running annual average (LRAA) of the most recent four quarters, we are still out of compliance with the MCL at one of eight locations.

For more information, please contact Mr. Brent Wright at 517-787-6537, or the Flint Water Plant at 4500 North Dort Highway, Flint, Michigan 48505.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Flint.

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CERTIFICATION:

WSSN: 02310

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification requirements in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

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Signature	Title	Date Distributed
Reminder to water supplier: This notice/certification must be sent to the Department of Environmental Quality.		

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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 12:09 PM  
**To:** Ronald Fonger  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. EPA Lead Expert

Busch is out. I'm working to get either his subordinate, Mike Prysby, who worked with the city directly on the ask for optimization, or his supervisor, Richard Benzie. Or maybe both.

I get that the news yesterday was the announcement by the VT researcher, Ron. But I was disappointed to see how little of what I sent you made it in. I'm putting my folks up in the hope that it offers clarity to the situation.

Thanks,  
b

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**From:** Ronald Fonger [<mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 11:25 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. EPA Lead Expert

I just sent the mayor an email asking to talk to him about it.  
The city PR guy is also supposed to be sending out a news release this morning that concerns the TTHM and lead.

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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) [<mailto:WurfelB@michigan.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 11:22 AM  
**To:** Ronald Fonger  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. EPA Lead Expert

Is the city talking with you on this issue?

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**From:** Ronald Fonger [<mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 11:13 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** FW: U.S. EPA Lead Expert

Brad:  
Can you help me with some information from the DEQ regarding this email, sent by the U.S. EPA enforcement team leader in Region 5?  
It seems to say the U.S. EPA has offered the city the assistance of a lead expert and sent the information to the DEQ as well. I'm following up the a PR contact at the U.S. EPA on this and about the more general federal interest in the lead in water issue in Flint.  
Thanks,

**Ron Fonger**  
MLive Media Group  
Reporter



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address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 9:52 AM  
**To:** Ronald Fonger  
**Subject:** Fw: U.S. EPA Lead Expert

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**From:** Shoven, Heather <[shoven.heather@epa.gov](mailto:shoven.heather@epa.gov)>;  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** U.S. EPA Lead Expert  
**Sent:** Mon, Aug 31, 2015 5:55:41 PM

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your call on Friday.

In follow-up to your inquiry on U.S. EPA lead experts, I had a conversation with Dr. Darren Lytle, who is the Acting Chief of the Treatment Technology Evaluation Branch in the Water Supply and Water Resources Division within EPA's Office of Research and Development. Scientists within Dr. Lytle's branch have expertise in drinking water treatment including corrosion control to address lead contamination. We passed along Dr. Lytle's information to both MDEQ and Flint's Mayor, Dayne Walling, for consideration to work with Flint's Technical Advisory Committee.

You mentioned that you wanted to provide the Flint City Council with this information since Mayor Walling has not shared EPA's assistance offer with the Council. I have left a voicemail message with Councilwoman Monica Galloway regarding your inquiry since it is critical that the Council work with the City and the State to discuss next steps for the Flint Water system.

Please let me know if you have any follow-up questions.

Best wishes,

Heather



Heather A. Shoven | Enforcement Team Leader | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch | 77 W. Jackson Blvd (WG-15J) | Chicago, IL 60604 | 312-886-0153

**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 12:28:15 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: lead in flint water

**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2015 3:28 PM  
**To:** 'Ronald Fonger'  
**Subject:** RE: lead in flint water

Here's a response from the DEQ. Attribute to me. Call me if you have further questions.  
Thanks, Ron.

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Brad Wurfel

Communications Director

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

517-284-6713



We are aware that Virginia Tech researchers are now testing water at various Flint homes for lead levels. We appreciate that Virginia Tech's team is working on this issue because it brings the public spotlight on an important fact: if you have lead water pipes or plumbing fixtures containing lead in your home, or a lead service connection to the city system, it is very likely you are ingesting some level of lead. That's just a fact. It's true whether you live in Detroit, Dowagiac or Decatur.

And in the City of Flint, that fact affects 15,000 or more residences.

However, we want to be very clear that the lead levels being detected in Flint drinking water are not coming from the treatment plant or the city's transmission lines. Treated water leaving the plant has no detectable levels of lead in it. The issue is how, whether, and to what extent the drinking water is interacting with lead plumbing in people's homes.

It does not appear the Virginia Tech research lab is certified, and we can't speak to the sampling methods being employed to achieve these results. The results reported so far fail to track with any of the lead sampling conducted by the city. In addition, the Virginia Tech results are not reflected by the blood lead level testing regularly conducted by the state department of community health that have not shown any change since Flint switched sources.

The state's compliance monitoring program requires the city to use certified laboratories and a standardized, federal testing protocol that looks specifically at the homes in communities most likely to experience lead problems. The latest results from Flint, obtained from two separate rounds of testing over the past year, indicated that Flint drinking water, meets state and federal safe drinking water standards for lead.

That said, the state has requested Flint to 'optimize' its water treatment to further limit exposure to lead from plumbing in homes. While statute allows several years for a drinking water system to actually undertake this process – Detroit took five years to complete its water optimization work – we are encouraging Flint water system operators to take these steps immediately and we are encouraged by the conversation so far.

Any resident who has concerns about lead in their drinking water should have their water tested at a certified laboratory and get professional consultation on how to address it. The leading cause of lead poisoning is known to be lead paint and, in some areas, environmental legacy hot spots where lead is present in soils. However, I will say it again: when homes are fitted with lead plumbing or plumbing fixtures containing lead, homeowners should assume there is some varied level of interaction between water and pipes that results in lead exposure.

b

**From:** Ronald Fonger [mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2015 11:40 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** RE: lead in flint water

Brad:

If needed, here is the link to what's been posted today.

I spoke with Dr. Marc Edwards, who is overseeing the research.

<http://flintwaterstudy.org/>

**Ron Fonger**

MLive Media Group

Reporter



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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) [mailto:WurfelB@michigan.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2015 11:37 AM  
**To:** Ronald Fonger  
**Subject:** RE: lead in flint water

Ron, thank you for reaching out. We definitely want to clarify some important points here. Give me a few to read this and pull together some stuff for you.

Again, THANKS!!!

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**From:** Ronald Fonger [mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2015 11:34 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Kristin Longley; Bryn Mickle  
**Subject:** lead in flint water

Brad:

I left a message with Mike Prysby on Tuesday, Sept. 1, but wanted to reach out to you also because of stories we are working on about the extent to which lead is becoming an issue in Flint drinking water.

Today, Sept. 2, researchers at Virginia Tech posted the results on an experiment with Flint water online. The report concludes that Flint River water leaches much more lead from plumbing than does Detroit.

“On average, Detroit water is 12 times (or 12X) less corrosive than the Flint River water currently in use ... This is creating a public health threat in some Flint homes that have lead pipe or lead solder,” the report says.

An earlier post by the same researchers says that initial water tests show “a serious lead in water problem” in Flint, partly because Flint River water is so corrosive to pipes.

Given the state's role in oversight of the city's drinking water system through DEQ and its overall oversight by state emergency managers during the past several years, I wanted to make sure I'm reaching out to the right person to respond to this information.

Could you let me know who that is?

I expect to post the first story about the experiment today and expect the issue will be getting more attention as the VT study of 300 water test kits from Flint is completed.

Thanks,

**Ron Fonger**

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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 1:28 PM  
**To:** Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: flint water

Heads up, Fonger's on a tight turnaround for this. I've not yet seen it — state server blocks access.

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**From:** Ronald Fonger [<mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 11:39 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** flint water

Brad:

This was posted by the Virginia Tech researchers this morning.

Since a part of it speaks directly to MDEQ's involvement in the Flint water situation, I wanted to see if we can get a comment from you for an initial story that I hope to post in about two hours.

Thanks,

<http://flintwaterstudy.org/2015/09/our-sampling-of-252-low-risk-homes-demonstrates-a-high-lead-in-water-risk-flint-should-be-failing-to-meet-the-epa-lead-and-copper-rule/>

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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 2:24 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Cc:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: flint water

Mr. Edwards with Virginia Tech posted some pretty irresponsible stuff on his site today. The Flint Journal asked for our perspective.

We were holding off last week. That has officially ended.

Let me know if you have questions or concerns. Thanks!  
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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 2:20 PM  
**To:** 'Ronald Fonger'  
**Cc:** Busch, Stephen (DEQ)  
**Subject:** RE: flint water

Ron,

As we discussed last week, the state DEQ is just as perplexed by Edwards' results as he seems to be by the city's test results, which are done according to state and federal sampling guidelines and analyzed in certified labs.

When I said we were unsure how the Virginia Tech team got its results, that's not the same as being surprised that they got them. There are a conservatively estimated 15,000 old homes with lead plumbing in Flint alone, and this group specializes in looking for high lead problems. They pull that rabbit out of that hat everywhere they go. Nobody should be surprised when the rabbit comes out of the hat, even if they can't figure out how it is done.

It's scientifically probable a research team that specializes in looking for lead in water could have found it in Flint when the city was on its old water supply. We won't know that, because they've only just arrived in town and quickly proven the theory they set out to prove, and while the state appreciates academic participation in this discussion, offering broad, dire public health advice based on some quick testing could be seen as fanning political flames irresponsibly. Residents of Flint concerned about the health of their community don't need more of that.

As I mentioned last week, the issue here isn't Flint's water source or water plants. It's the high number of older homes with lead pipes and lead service connections. Anyone with lead plumbing in their homes should recognize there's some communication of lead from that.

The state and the EPA are working together in Flint – have been from the start, and we are in regular communication with federal counterparts to discuss Flint water. The state's program has been in place, protecting community water supplies for more than 40 years around the state. The reason this conversation began is because we have lead and copper rules; the city met the state and federal standard, and has agreed to further optimize its system to even further reduce lead levels, but let's be clear: lead pipes means some lead in water, at some level. Folks who have concerns should get a



water specialist to take a look at their home and see what they need to do to achieve peace of mind, because lead and copper are home plumbing problems that no water source can eliminate entirely.

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**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** flint water

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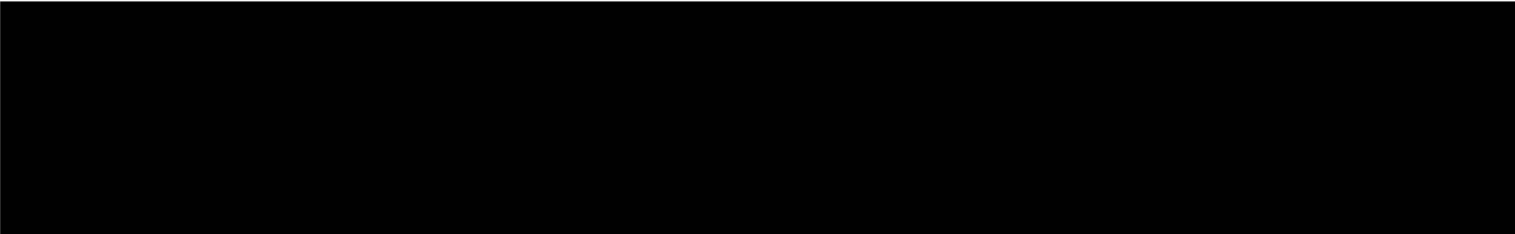
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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 2:46 PM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT agenda for comms update  
**Attachments:** Agenda Communications Update.docx  
  
**Importance:** High

Just a couple of minor tweaks, one issue add – Flint water as continues to be ongoing issue, and couple of event adds just to prep/see if anything in particular he's needing or wanting.



**From:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 2:29 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT agenda for comms update

ok with me

On Sep 8, 2015, at 1:44 PM, "Murray, David (GOV)" <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Agenda for comms update – am I missing anything?

**Dave Murray**  
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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 9:13 PM  
**To:** Wyant, Dan (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Pallone, Maggie (DEQ); Brown, Eric (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Congressman Kildee Letter on Lead in Flint Water  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.htm; ATT00002.htm; ATT00003.htm; image004.png; ATT00004.htm; 2015-09-09- Congressman Kildee Letter on Lead in Flint Water.pdf; ATT00005.htm

Heads up. Flint water Comms from cong. Kildee.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dickinson, Jordan" <[Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov)>  
**Date:** September 9, 2015 at 6:54:47 PM EDT  
**To:** "Wurfelb@michigan.gov" <[Wurfelb@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfelb@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Congressman Kildee Letter on Lead in Flint Water

Hi Brad,

Can you please make sure the attached letter is passed along to Director Wyant? I will forward along a physical copy in the mail.

Thank you,

**Jordan Dickinson**  
Legislative Assistant  
Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05)  
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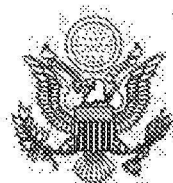
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Administrator McCarthy and Director Wyant:

The attached June 24, 2015, memorandum between two Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) employees, Miguel A. Del Toral and Thomas Poy, published recently by the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, suggests that there are high lead levels in the city of Flint, Mich., water transmission lines. Furthermore, this document reflects that children consuming this water had levels of lead in their blood in excess of three times what they were prior to the city of Flint switching its source water from the Detroit Water and Sewage Department (DWSD) to the Flint River.

In addition, this memorandum makes recommendations to Mr. Poy, Chief of the Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch of EPA Region 5, to do three things. First, for the EPA to work with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to provide technical assistance to the city of Flint to deal with water quality issues. Second, it suggests the EPA review the compliance status of the city of Flint in respect to its compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). Third, the memorandum recommends that the EPA conduct a review of the city of Flint testing procedures to ensure they are compliant with the LCR.

Regarding this memorandum and the surrounding water quality issues in the city of Flint, I have the following questions:

- Was this memorandum actually sent to Mr. Poy?

- Are the findings in the memorandum regarding the lead levels in the city of Flint water accurate?
- If there were in fact high levels of lead in the water in the city of Flint, when did the EPA and/or MDEQ plan to alert the public?
- What, if any, of the recommendations has the EPA followed from the memorandum?
- Given the demonstrated level of lead in the water in Flint, MI, is the water safe?

Regardless, I am very troubled by recent tests suggesting high levels of lead in the city of Flint's water system. As you know, on the EPA's website it says that lead above the "action level" in drinking water can cause a variety of adverse health effects, including delays in physical and mental development in babies and children.

According to the Safe Drinking Water Act, the EPA has the responsibility of enforcing water quality standards. EPA, however, has given the primary responsibility of enforcing water quality standards to the state of Michigan via MDEQ. As such, it is the responsibility of these agencies to ensure that the people of the city of Flint have safe drinking water.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Dan Kildee  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

cc:

State Senator Jim Ananich  
State Representative Sheldon Neeley  
State Representative Phil Phelps  
Mayor Dayne Walling, City of Flint  
Howard Croft, City of Flint  
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Denise Fortin, EPA  
Liane Shekter-Smith, MDEQ  
Pat Cook, MDEQ  
Stephen Busch, MDEQ  
Brad Wurfel, MDEQ  
Marc Edwards, Virginia Tech

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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 3:13 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Reporter seeking a response to Virginia Tech's Flint Water Study findings  
  
**Importance:** High

Need a phone call to discuss this with either of you.

Thanks.

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**From:** Curt Guyette [<mailto:cguyette@aclumich.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 2:41 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Reporter seeking a response to Virginia Tech's Flint Water Study findings  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Wurfel,

After testing more than 250 homes in Flint, researchers at Virginia Tech have continued to find dangerously high levels of lead in many of the homes being sampled.

They are unequivocal in their findings, stating that: "Flint has a very serious lead in water problem."

These results run contrary to the city and MDEQ's assertions that the city of Flint is in compliance with U.S. EPA Lead and Copper Rule compliance standards. In fact, based on Virginia Tech's results – which are much more extensive, having tested nearly four times as many homes as the city tested during the first half of 2015, and the VT researchers have not specifically target high-risk homes, as the city is required to do for the LCR monitoring – the city is actually well out of compliance.

I was hoping you would be able to provide the MDEQ's position regarding VT researchers' purported findings, and the contradictory conclusions..

Virginia Tech's methodology and results have been posted on a web site dedicated to the project ([flintwaterstudy.org/](http://flintwaterstudy.org/)), so it is clear from their end how they have approached this project, and exactly what they've done, and what they've found.

It would be very helpful to have the MDEQ's views on all this for my upcoming story.

I am working on a deadline and would very much appreciate a response by the end of the day tomorrow, Sept. 11.



I appreciate any help you can provide in my reporting on this very important public health issue.

Sincerely,

Curt

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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015 8:33 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** walling request for \$30 million  
**Attachments:** 4304\_001.pdf

Hey Dave:


Mayor Walling has penned another letter to the governor, requesting \$30 million for Flint's infrastructure.

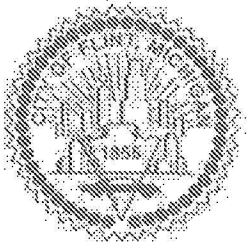
I've attached the letter and a link to a story I posted last night.

I'd like to follow up with any comment your office can provide.

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## CITY OF FLINT

**Dayne Walling**  
Mayor

September 14, 2015

The Honorable Rick Snyder  
Governor, State of Michigan  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Call for Additional Support for Flint Water Improvement Plan

Dear Governor Snyder:

On behalf of the Flint community, I am writing with a renewed request for additional support to address Flint's water challenges to ensure that water is affordable and secure for everyone in Flint especially our vulnerable populations. I am asking for an additional \$30 million in funds for Flint's infrastructure and a new healthy homes initiative.

Significant progress has been made throughout this year to increase water safety and quality and I thank you for the involvement of your office, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the Michigan Department of Treasury. A majority of items in the Water Improvement Plan are completed or underway. Most importantly, Flint is now in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act due in large part to the installation of the new carbon filter. The infrastructure systems are being made more secure and efficient through the State grants. Now the City is committed to following the recommendation of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to optimize the treatment process, reduce corrosion and further minimize risks from lead.

The need to accelerate the City's capital improvement investments remains and has been further increased by the continued financial stress and legal issues. Previously I requested support for replacement or forgiveness of payment to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund due to Flint's status as a distressed community and the gap in funding in the adopted capital improvement plan. I understand that the existing federal law does not allow the existing Drinking Water Revolving Loans that Flint is carrying to be forgiven in retrospect but the need still exists. Flint owes approximately \$20 Million. One solution is for the State to grant a new \$20 Million that is designed as forgivable from the start. Another solution is to provide

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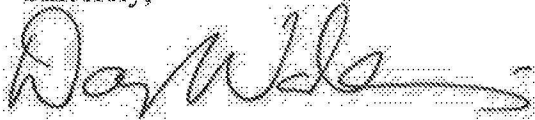
equivalent funding through an expansion of the grant program to Michigan's Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships with a supplemental budget amendment in cooperation with the State Legislature.

The community's heightened concern about lead leeching into the water from old service lines and home plumbing also needs to be addressed. We know that lead is an environmental contaminant and there have been many programs in place over the years to address sources in paint and pipes. Flint needs a new healthy homes initiative specifically focused on lead in water with \$10 Million to start the process of replacing service lines for the most vulnerable households. Regardless of the source and treatment of Flint's water, this long term threat of lead in pipes needs to be removed in the interest of public health.

My approach continues to be to work with you and your appointed officials, State Senator Ananich, State Representatives Phelps and Neeley, Congressman Kildee, community groups, businesses, churches, foundations, the Flint City Council, and all of the City of Flint and State and Federal government personnel. We need every available expert and resource to address Flint's water problems.

Flint's safety is my top priority. Just as the City and State have worked together on public safety, we need additional support for fixing the water problems. We need \$30 Million in new funds to repair and update the city-wide infrastructure and to assist households in becoming lead-free. The entire Flint community deserves sustainable, safe, secure and affordable water now and into the future. Thank you for the consideration Governor and I look forward to future discussions.

Sincerely,



Dayne Walling  
Mayor, City of Flint

CC: Flint City Council President Joshua Freeman; Congressman Dan Kildee; State Senator Jim Ananich; State Representative Sheldon Neeley; State Representative Phil Phelps; EPA Regional Administrator Dr. Susan Hedman; Chief of Staff Dennis Muchmore

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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2015 4:25 PM  
**To:** Brown, Eric (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Cc:** Brown, Jessica (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: EPA's response to Rep. Kildee re: Flint water  
**Attachments:** Hon. Daniel Kildee 09-15-15.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Heads up, here's the official response on Flint water inquiry from EPA to Cong. Kildee. It went last night.

Our formal response is going out COB today, will send around the finalized but not yet sent version in just a moment so you've got it.

If you have questions, call my cell phone, please. Thanks!

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Brad Wurfel  
Communications Director  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
517-284-6713  
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**From:** Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015 7:25 PM  
**To:** Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ); Howes, Sarah (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Sygo, Jim (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Fwd: EPA's response to Rep. Kildee re: Flint water

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**From:** "Fortin, Denise" <[Fortin.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Fortin.Denise@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** EPA's response to Rep. Kildee re: Flint water

Here you go, Maggie. I'll be sending this letter to Jordan Dickinson shortly.

Please keep me posted on the location for Monday's meeting.

Thanks,  
Denise

Denise Fortin  
Congressional Liaison  
Office of Regional Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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The Honorable Daniel Kildee  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1313

Dear Congressman Kildee:

Thank you for your September 9, 2015 letter regarding drinking water quality in the City of Flint. EPA is actively working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to help the City provide clean and safe water.

Consistent with the recommendations in the internal memorandum cited in your letter, EPA is working with MDEQ to monitor Flint's compliance with the federal Lead and Copper Rule. On August 17, 2015, MDEQ notified Flint that additional treatment will be required to optimize corrosion control and the City is taking steps to do so. Experts from EPA's Office of Research and Development are providing technical assistance to Flint to implement those corrosion control improvements.

Flint residents who are concerned about lead in drinking water may request water sampling by the local water utility. General information about lead in drinking water and tips to reduce lead exposure are available at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/index.cfm>

Again, thank you for your letter. We look forward to a more detailed discussion at the meeting that is being set up on Monday. In the meantime, if you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Denise Fortin or Ronna Beckmann, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at (312) 886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. Hedman", followed by a horizontal line.

Susan Hedman  
Regional Administrator

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**To:** Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Brown, Eric (GOV)  
**Cc:** Brown, Jessica (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Kildee Response re Flint Water  
**Attachments:** Kildee Response re Flint Water.docx

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Call me if you have questions or issues.  
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**From:** Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2015 4:23 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Kildee Response re Flint Water





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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
LANSING



DAN WYANT  
DIRECTOR

September 16, 2015

VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Daniel Kildee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Kildee:

Thank you for your September 9, 2015, letter regarding your concerns for the drinking water in the city of Flint (Flint). The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is working closely with Flint's water department as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to ensure Flint residents have ample water that meets state and federal drinking water standards.

The MDEQ's role is to administer its nearly 40-year-old state drinking water protection program based on federal guidelines. The MDEQ works with approximately 11,500 public water systems in the state to monitor for more than 90 primary drinking water contaminants and ensure that every supply consistently provides safe drinking water.

In Flint, the city made a decision 18 months ago to switch drinking water sources. This change required them to take specific measures under the federal Lead and Copper Rule, which was enacted in 1991 to monitor water as it interacts with lead service connections and home plumbing. Flint's test results were conducted according to the same testing protocols every Michigan community uses and the same protocols Flint has used to test its water every three years for the past 25 years.

While the results from Flint's testing show compliance with the federal action level for lead and copper, on August 17, 2015, the MDEQ instructed the city to move forward expeditiously with developing additional corrosion control treatment to minimize the corrosive effects between drinking water and lead service connections and home plumbing in the Flint service area.

We appreciate and share your concern for the situation, and the MDEQ looks forward to providing you a detailed briefing next week. If you have any additional questions in the meantime, please contact Ms. Maggie Pallone, Deputy Director, Policy and Legislative Affairs, at 517-284-6704 or [pallonem@michigan.gov](mailto:pallonem@michigan.gov); or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

Dan Wyant  
Director

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Mr. Thomas Poy, USEPA, Region 5  
Ms. Denise Fortin, USEPA, Region 5  
Mr. Michael Schock, USEPA  
Mr. Darren Lytle, USEPA  
Mr. Marc Edwards, Virginia Tech  
Mr. Harvey Hollins, Governor's Southeast Michigan Office  
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Mr. Eric Brown, Governor's Washington Office  
Mr. Jim Sygo, Chief Deputy Director, MDEQ  
Ms. Madhu R. Anderson, Deputy Director, MDEQ  
Ms. Maggie Pallone, Deputy Director, MDEQ  
Ms. Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison, MDEQ  
Mr. Brad Wurfel, Communications Director, MDEQ  
Ms. Liane Shekter Smith, MDEQ  
Mr. Stephen Busch, MDEQ  
Mr. Pat Cook, MDEQ

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 10:41 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Ananich Flint Water Response  
**Attachments:** Flint Water Response.pdf

Making sure you have this too ...

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**Subject:** Ananich Flint Water Response

Here is DEQ's formal response to the Michigan legislators inquiry on Flint water. FYI only, this is going out momentarily. We are also briefing them in person on Monday morning. Give me a call if you have any questions.  
Thanks,  
Maggie

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**From:** Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 3:48 PM  
**To:** Pallone, Maggie (DEQ) <[PalloneM@michigan.gov](mailto:PalloneM@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Flint Water Response

Here is the letter to Senator Ananich and Reps Neeley and Phelps.

Heather Feuerstein  
Management Assistant to  
Maggie Pallone, Deputy Director and  
Brad Wurfel, Communications Director  
Department of Environmental Quality  
517.284.6715



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September 17, 2015

VIA E-MAIL

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State Capitol  
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Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

The Honorable Sheldon Neeley  
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P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7514

The Honorable Phil Phelps  
State Representative  
State Capitol  
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Lansing, Michigan 48909-7514

Dear Senator Ananich and Representatives Neeley and Phelps:

Thank you for your letter of September 10, 2015, regarding water quality in the city of Flint (City). Your interest in this matter is appreciated. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) takes seriously its responsibility to ensure safe drinking water for all Michigan residents. The MDEQ maintains a robust public water supply regulatory program through long-standing partnerships with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the state's regulated public water systems.

With respect to the draft memo referenced in your letter, the MDEQ does not review or receive draft memos from the USEPA, nor would we expect to while it is a draft.

Regulations associated with lead, copper, and corrosion control require communities to monitor water quality at customer taps. The monitoring protocols for sampling home water attempt to represent actual home water use, and they allow the MDEQ to get consistent results for year-over-year comparisons.

It is important to recognize that any home with lead plumbing or service connections will impart some amount of lead to water samples. While the compliance monitoring for lead in the City has not exceeded the federally-established Action Level, either before or after the City switched sources and treatment methods, there has always been

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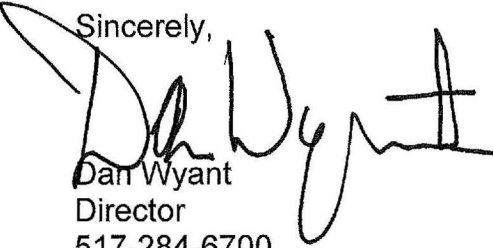
detectable lead in the City's water sampling program for homes that have lead plumbing or service connections. The City's monitoring program's purpose is to show aggregated levels throughout the entire system, not individual home levels.

The law requires the City to provide individual lead results to customers whose homes are sampled for compliance with the Action Level. Each customer with an individual sample result that exceeds 15 parts per billion is provided information on actions they can take to limit lead exposure in their drinking water. System-wide results from the most recent lead compliance monitoring are included each year in the City's annual Consumer Confidence Report, which is provided to customers and available online.

It is important to note that the City performed extensive home water tests for lead and copper last year and this year, and is meeting state and federal drinking water standards. Local health departments also administer annual blood level testing on children in Flint; results show no discernable rise in levels that might be expected if there was an elevated lead level in the City water supply. The City currently has no unresolved violations of state and federal drinking water standards.

The MDEQ continues to work with the City and federal regulators on the shared goal of ensuring safe, reliable drinking water in this community.

I look forward to discussing this issue in greater detail at the meeting next week. If you should have additional questions before then, please contact Ms. Maggie Pallone, Deputy Director, Policy and Legislative Affairs, at 517-284-6715 or [pallonem@michigan.gov](mailto:pallonem@michigan.gov); or you may contact me.

Sincerely,  
  
Dan Wyant  
Director  
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The Honorable Jim Ananich  
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The Honorable Phil Phelps  
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**Cc:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Murray, David (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Brown, Eric (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: STATEMENT: Congressman Dan Kildee Calls For Additional "Independent and Scientific" Testing to Ensure Safety of Flint's Water

Statement. And invitation from Flint Journal for comment...

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**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2015 3:02 PM  
**To:** Rivard, Mitchell  
**Subject:** STATEMENT: Congressman Dan Kildee Calls For Additional "Independent and Scientific" Testing to Ensure Safety of Flint's Water

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Monday, September 21, 2015

Contact: Mitchell Rivard, 202-595-4885, [mitchell.rivard@mail.house.gov](mailto:mitchell.rivard@mail.house.gov)

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Let's see if Eric concurs...

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Well done!

Sent from my iPhone

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*"After meeting with the EPA and DEQ, it is clear to me that immediate independent and scientific testing is necessary to determine the safety of Flint's water. So far, the city, DEQ and EPA have not adequately answered my questions on their testing methods to ensure the safety of Flint's water.*

*"So far, I have been given no reason to have confidence in the current testing results. For example, it is unclear if homes sampled also took part in previous tests, which could have shown trends in water quality.*

*"I call on the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the city of Flint, to work together to conduct additional independent and scientific testing of Flint's water. Additional testing must be expanded from its current scope to include more homes. It must also factor in the most at-risk homes in Flint.*

*"Flint residents deserve absolute transparency when it comes to the quality of their water. Additionally the city, DEQ and EPA must work together to ensure the immediate safety of Flint's drinking water, including any temporary relief until a long-term solution can be completed."*

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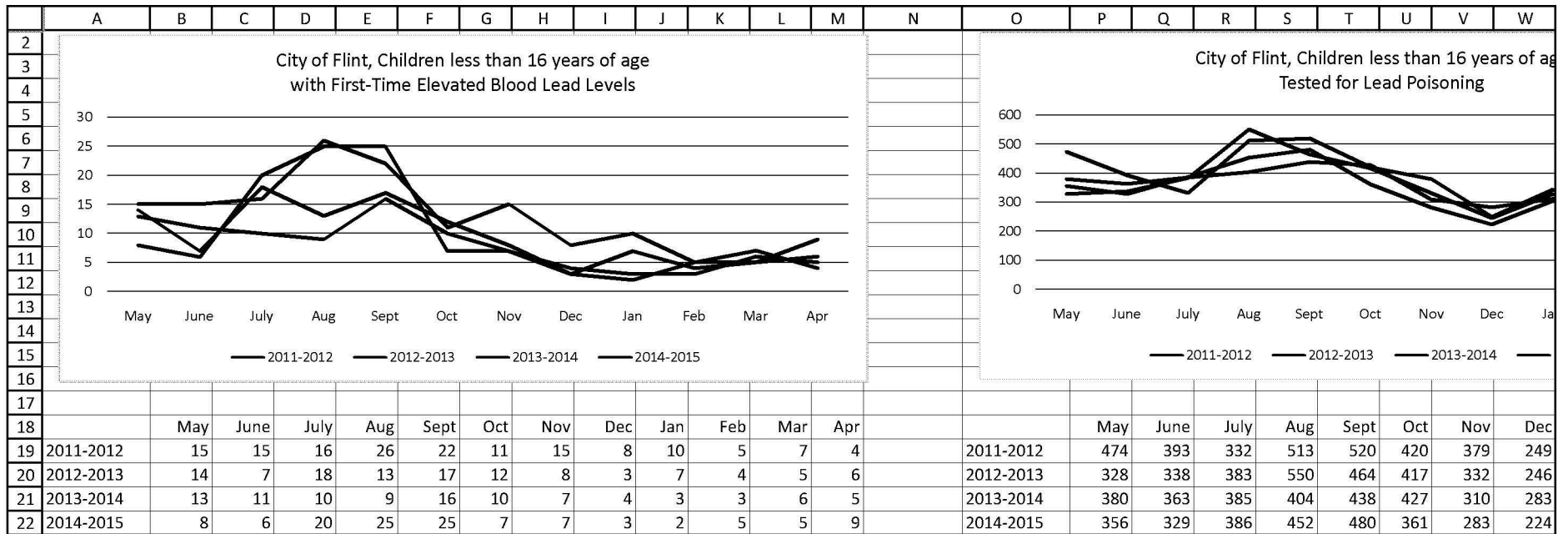
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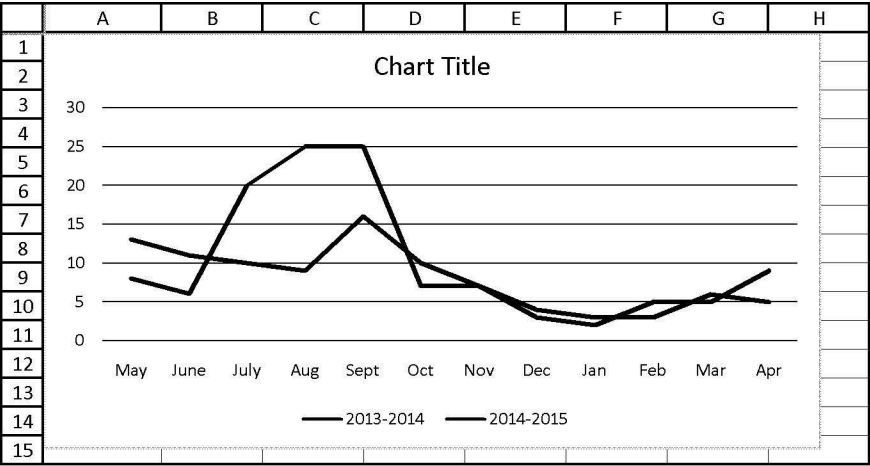
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## **Frequently Asked Questions:** **Water Lead Levels in the City of Flint** **September 2015**

### **How can lead get into drinking water?**

Lead detections in Flint drinking water exist at the home level. Sampling at the Flint Water Treatment Plant has shown no lead in its treated water. However, this contaminant leaches into water from a home's lead service lines, lead solder, and leaded plumbing materials including fixtures, faucets, and fittings.

### **Does the city meet federal drinking water standards for lead and copper?**

Yes, the city is meeting state and federal guidelines for lead and copper.

The City of Flint has regularly monitored for lead and copper since federal law began requiring it in 1991.

When the City changed water sources in May 2014, state and federal law required the city to sample for lead and copper for a full year to determine how the water may be interacting with residential lead plumbing to increase lead levels. While the city's results show residential lead levels below the federal threshold for immediate response activities, Flint is moving quickly to optimize corrosion control measures in its water system.

### **Some individual homes showed high numbers for lead. Isn't that a concern?**

For the homeowner, yes it is. There is no "safe" level for lead, and while the leading cause of lead poisoning around the country is lead paint, any source of lead ingestion is worthy of concern.

But the State and federal guidelines for lead and copper acknowledge an important reality: Any home that has a lead service connection or lead plumbing will impart some varying amount of lead into the home's water. The only way to eliminate lead in a home water system is to remove lead plumbing or replace lead service connections to the city system.

The lead and copper rule requires the local operator to sample dozens, sometimes hundreds of homes in the service area to get a general sense of how the water supply is interacting with lead plumbing and service connections. The tests are done specifically at homes with lead service connections. Individual results vary and all participants are

### **Are there other ways the city monitors for lead exposure?**

The County Health Department, overseen statewide by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, regularly monitors blood levels in children throughout Michigan communities. The leading cause of lead poisoning is exposure to lead paint.

Blood lead level testing results for the 12-month period just after the City of Flint changed its water source (May 2014 – April 2015) showed no significant change in the pattern of blood lead levels in Flint, compared to the previous three years. This data suggests the recent change in water source by the City of Flint has not contributed to an increase in lead exposure throughout the community.

### **How does the state decide if the water is creating a lead problem?**

Compliance with the federal lead rule is based on a 90<sup>th</sup> percentile calculation. If more than 10 percent of samples report lead above the federal action level of **15 parts per billion**, a water supply has an “action level exceedance.” An exceedance is not a violation. It triggers other requirements which could include public notification, additional water quality sampling, and possibly further treatment.

While some of Flint’s individual samples exceeded the 15 parts-per-billion lead action level, compliance is based on **the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of samples**. The City of Flint’s 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level has ranged between 0 parts per billion in 2008 and 2011, and 15 parts per billion in 1992, but never exceeded the action level.

The two most recent sampling periods, in 2014 and 2015, were 6 parts per billion and 11 parts per billion, respectively.

### **Did the city use every sample they got back?**

Sampling requirements for lead and copper are designed to target the most common pathways to lead ingestion in homes with the least protection. The sample must be collected from a commonly used kitchen or bathroom tap, and in accordance with the provided sampling instructions. Homes that employ filtration or additional treatment cannot be included. Samples must also be collected within the established monitoring period.

### **I have a lead service connection or lead plumbing. What should I do?**

Replacement is the only way to eliminate lead exposure. However, here are some interim steps homeowners can take to reduce it:

Flush pipes before drinking, and only use cold water for consumption.

The more time water has been sitting in your home's pipes, the more lead it may contain. When water in a particular faucet has not been used for six hours or longer, “flush” cold-water pipes by running the water until it becomes as cold as it will get. This could take five to 30 seconds if there has been recent water use elsewhere in the home, such as showering or flushing toilets. Otherwise, it could take two minutes or longer.

Use only water from the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking, and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is likely to contain higher levels of lead.

### **Who is responsible for replacement of lead materials?**

Replacement of service pipes on private property and any lead plumbing materials within the home is a **homeowner's responsibility**. The City of Flint owns the service pipe from the water main to the curb stop valve, and that is **the City's responsibility**. This valve is normally located two feet in from the street curb. From there to the house is private property and the responsibility of the homeowner.

### **Why doesn't the city at least replace its portion of lead service lines?**

Partial lead service line replacement has been shown to mobilize more lead and make the situation worse. Only full lead service line replacement has been demonstrated effective in achieving long-term reductions in drinking water lead levels.

### **What is the City's timeline for installation of corrosion control treatment?**

The federal government allows the steps to complete the installation of optimal corrosion control treatment and follow-up monitoring to take up to five years.

However, the City of Flint has committed to completing installation of Optimized Corrosion Control Treatment in **less than six months**.

### **What will happen when Flint joins the Karegnondi Water Authority next year?**

The City has committed to having Optimized Corrosion Control Treatment in place prior to its connection with the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA). The water provided by KWA will come from a new source, Lake Huron. The city will continue its lead and copper sampling every six months. Additionally, the city's water treatment plant will continue to operate with uninterrupted Optimized Corrosion Control Treatment.

### **How long would it take to replace lead service lines throughout Flint?**

The city has about 32,900 service connections in total. **More than 15,000** of these connections are considered lead service lines. Even if many crews were contracted, it would likely take up to 15 years to complete this work.

### **What would it cost to replace the lead service line at my house?**

Average costs to replace a lead service line at an individual home range from \$2,000 to \$8,000. Costs vary depending on the length and size of service line that is needed, as well as the ground cover and soil conditions encountered.

With more than 15,000 lead service lines at an estimated average cost of \$4,000 for each replacement, total cost could **be \$60 million or more**.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 7:33 AM  
**To:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Cc:** Hollins, Harvey (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: DEQ Flint water docs

The Mayor of Flint has a technical advisory. DEQ and EPA are sending our experts. The advisory has outside experts. The group will look at the data and offer their recommendations and opinions.

Dan Wyant, Director  
Department of Environmental Quality  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 3:16 PM  
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**Cc:** Hollins, Harvey (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: DEQ Flint water docs

Should we ask one of our own Professors to comment on this article and the testing...

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 10:09 AM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Gov comms agenda

**Importance:** High

Missing anything or any other changes?

## **Communications Update Meeting**

Sept. 24 2015

- Transportation funding
- Detroit area education/DPS
  - Strategic comms/outreach & timing. Overlay with roads. Proactive outreach slated for either Oct. 9, 12 and/or 14. Needed community, business, education leader 1:1s.
- Syrian refugees
- Chinese President Xi events
- Flint water
- Moving Michigan Forward/Celebrating the Power of MI funds + cost of 2011 & 2015 inauguration
- MI Supreme Court/COA appts
- Energy plan
- Criminal justice reforms
- Cloud computing
- DetNews foreclosure legislation story
- Workers Comp Pure Premium rate decrease
- Norm Saari/MPSC appt/Courser Gamrat – FOX 2 M.L. Elrich
- National Manufacturing Day (Oct. 2)
- Gordie Howe International Bridge comms plan

## **Upcoming events**

- Tribal Summit (Sept. 24)
- Chinese President/State Dept visit (Sept. 25)
- Sept. 28 - Detroit
  - Amazon grand opening
  - Rising Tides kickoff
  - DTE Energy Investor Day
- Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs (Sept. 29)
- Sept. 30 - Detroit
  - MICHauto
  - Detroit 2.0/Homecoming (Sept. 30)
- BLM/Bill Ford CA trip (Oct. 1-2)
  - Commonwealth Club
  - Targeted 1:1 media interviews - Forbes, Reuters, Fortune, USA Today, Bloomberg, CNet, Fast Company, WIRED, SanFran Chronicle
  - MI Ambassador reception
- PREVIEW:
  - PwC CEO survey interview (Oct. 5)

- MI Works! Annual Conference – Mt Pleasant (Oct. 5)
- Higher education summit (Oct. 7)

**Interview s/request**

- Washington Post/Jim Tankersley – economic policies and 2016 (Sept. 28)
- WJR Frank Beckmann
- BBC World News Hour re: U.S.-MI China relationship
- WDET Stephen Henderson
- WDIV Flashpoint Devin

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**From:** Clayton, Stacie (GOV)  
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**To:** Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** New ACLU video gets tough with Flint officials over lead levels | Blogs | Detroit Metro Times

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Stacie Clayton  
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**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 11:33 AM  
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**Subject:** hurley news conference  
**Attachments:** MediaAlertSept242015.doc

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September 24, 2015

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## **Media Alert**

*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

**WHO:** Genesee County Medical Community, including Hurley Medical Center, Greater Flint Health Coalition, Mott Children's Health Center, Hamilton Community Health Network & Genesee County Medical Society

**WHAT:** Press conference to address medical community's concerns regarding lead levels in the city of Flint's water supply and appropriate precautionary measures.

**WHEN:** 3pm, Today, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**WHERE:** Hurley Medical Center, Charles White Conference Center

**Media Note:** Please enter on the Sixth Avenue entrance and check in with front desk upon arrival to be escorted to the Charles White Conference Center.



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**From:** Hollins, Harvey (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 11:36 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Cc:** Clayton, Stacie (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: New ACLU video gets tough with Flint officials over lead levels | Blogs | Detroit Metro Times

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-HH

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**From:** Clayton, Stacie (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 11:37 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: New ACLU video gets tough with Flint officials over lead levels | Blogs | Detroit Metro Times

Greetings,

I will be out of the office Thursday, September 24, through Monday, September 28, with limited access to email. I will return to the office on Tuesday, September 29.

Thank you,

Stacie Clayton  
Governor's Office of Urban and Initiatives

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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 11:52 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: hurley news conference

That's fine. Everything I have seen so far from the state has been pre-switch so I'm interested specifically in what the data is showing since the switch to the Flint River.

I'm also reaching out to you specifically to see if the governor would intervene to help Flint reconnect to the Detroit water system as the study that will be discussed at 3 p.m. recommends that.

Thanks,

**Ron Fonger**  
MLive Media Group  
Reporter

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 11:36 AM  
**To:** Ronald Fonger  
**Subject:** RE: hurley news conference

We'll be able to share five years of data regarding this issue. MDHHS is rounding it up as we speak. Do you have the contact info for Angela Minicuci and Jennifer Smith?

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**Cc:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Clayton, Stacie (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: New ACLU video gets tough with Flint officials over lead levels | Blogs | Detroit Metro Times

Senator Ananich has formed a new coalition to speak on the water issues in Flint. Hurley hospital will be a member of that coalition. This coalition may be competitive with the existing Clean Water Coalition where a lot of the grassroots types participate. Hurley will also work to get more residents water filters, and that may be apart of the announcement today.

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> Harvey,  
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> We're hearing from MLive that Hurley Hospital has called a 3 p.m. press conference to discuss the lead levels in blood collected from children. I'm working to get the report from Hurley ASAP. Working with Geralyn on a response.

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> Dave

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**From:** Minicuci, Angela (DCH)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 2:21 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Eisner, Jennifer (DCH)  
**Subject:** Flint Talking Points  
**Attachments:** Flint Lead TP 092415.docx


Hey Brad and Dave,

MDHHS talking points attached.

Thank you,

**Angela Minicuci**

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- The Hurley data includes a smaller sample size, much more limited time period (January-September of 2013 and 2015 only), and a smaller age group of children.

### *WIC Children*

- In homes with infants on WIC, if the household has documentation from an official source of unsanitary water supply issues, that family may be eligible to receive ready-to-feed formula. Families should contact WIC to see if they are eligible.
- Each household would have to be looked at on an individual basis.
- WIC cannot cover bottled water.

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**From:** Eisner, Jennifer (DCH)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 4:01 PM  
**To:** Minicuci, Angela (DCH); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint Talking Points  
**Attachments:** BLLs in Flint v2.pptx; Flint Lead TP 092415.docx

Dave – TPs updated to include your one suggestion, as well as a couple points from the attached graph which Geralyn may have already sent you.

Thanks!  
Jennifer

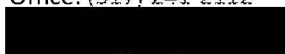
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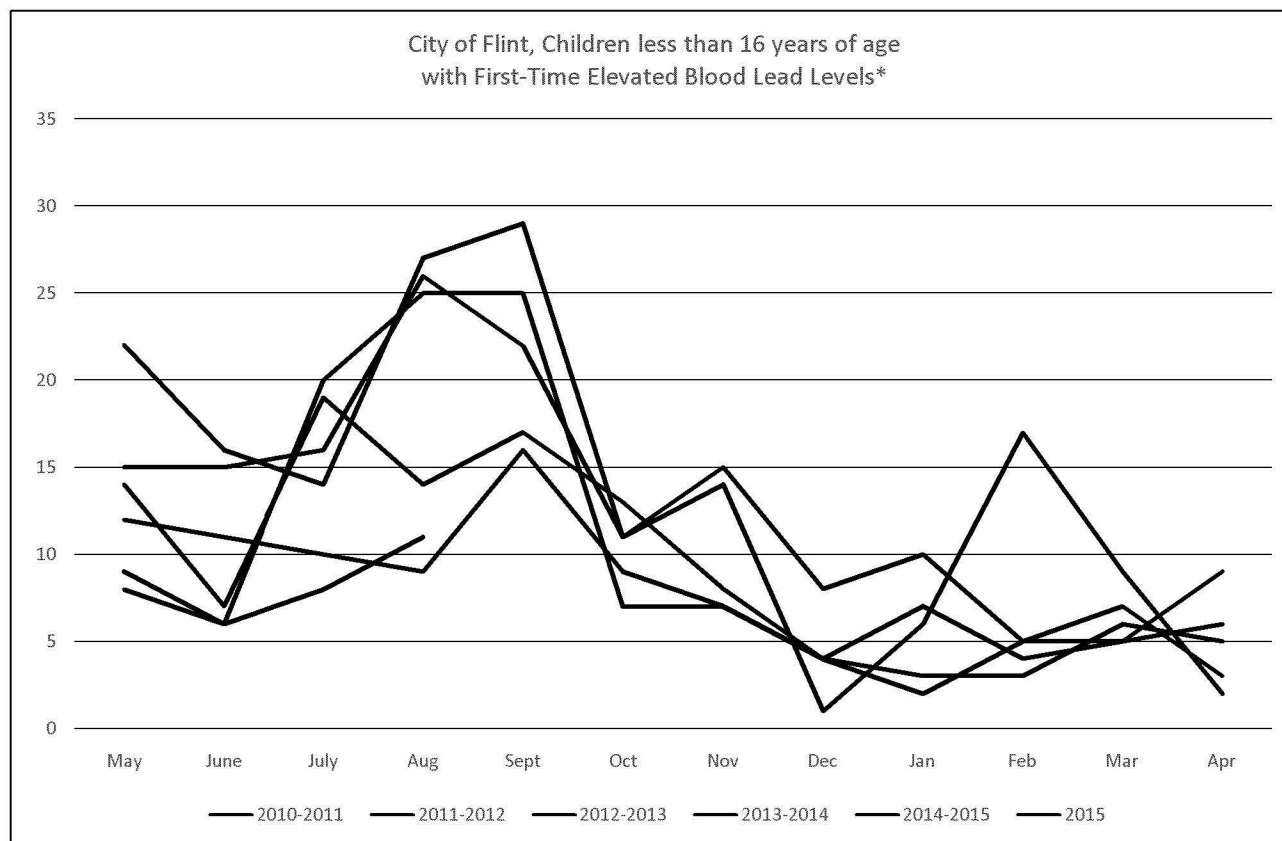
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## Blood Lead Testing of Children in Flint, Before and After the Change in Flint's Water

- The change in Flint's water source occurred in April 2014. MDHHS looked at children's blood lead levels (BLL) before and after this event.
- The dark blue line (May 2014 – April 2015) and the green line (May-August 2015) reflect children's blood lead tests after the change. All other lines reflect tests before the change.
- An increase in childhood lead poisoning in summer (July, August, September) is typical throughout Michigan every year.
- While there is a dramatic difference between the numbers of elevated BLL in the summer before and after the event, a wider look that includes data back to 2010 shows that the year BEFORE the event (the yellow line) was more of an anomaly than the year after (the dark blue line).
- If elevated BLL were being driven by the change in water, we would expect the dark blue line to stay high rather than follow the seasonal pattern.
- All data included in this analysis were reported by laboratories directly to MDHHS, in accordance with State law.



\*This graph includes:

Children whose address is listed as "Flint"--may not conform exactly to Flint city limits

Children less than 16 years of age at time of test

September 24, 2015

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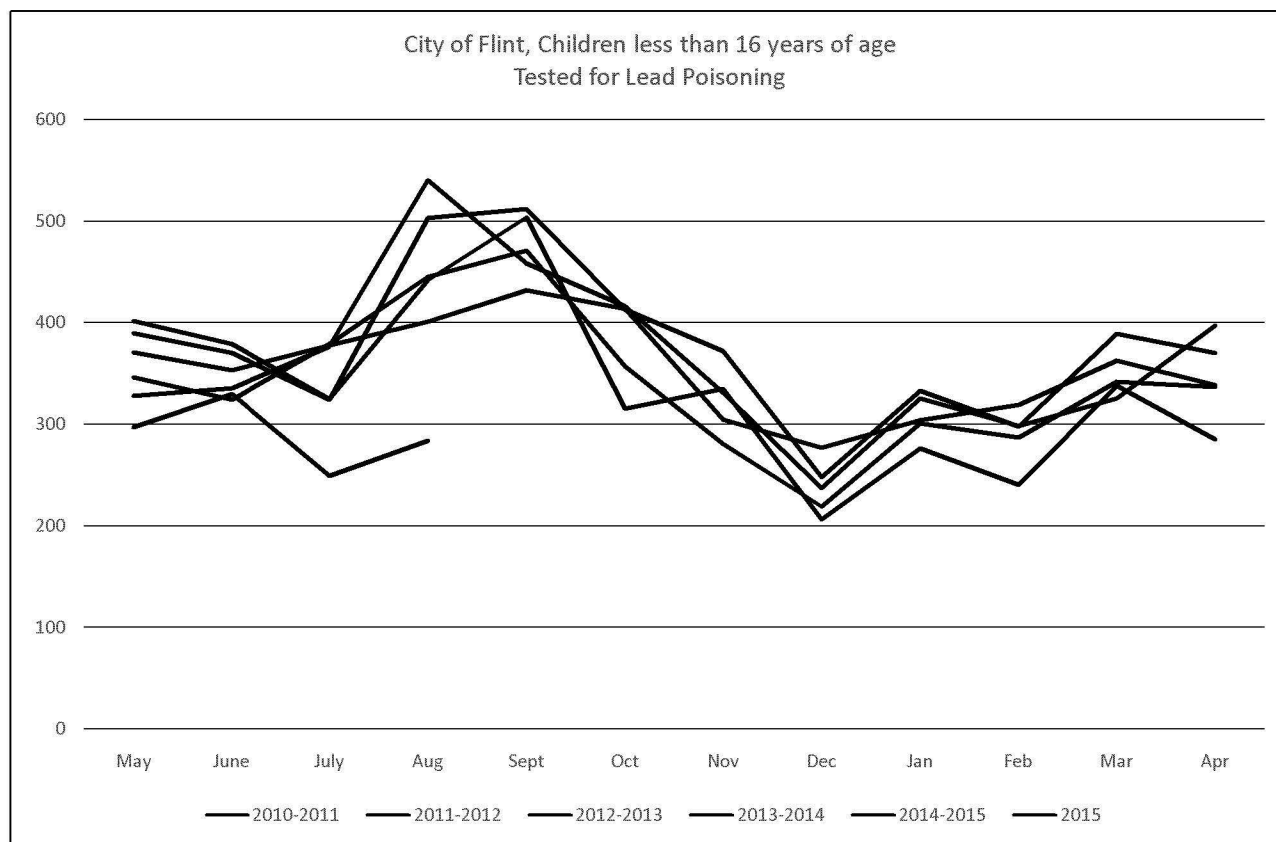
Source: MDHHS Data Warehouse,

All first-time elevated levels, regardless of sample type (venous, capillary or unknown)

Lead Specimen table

## Blood Lead Testing of Children in Flint, Before and After the Change in Flint's Water

- Blood lead testing (regardless of elevated levels) also tends to rise during late summer (August, September, October).
- This graph shows that testing in Flint has remained fairly steady over the last five years, except for a recent decline (May – August 2015).



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September 24, 2015

The number of children tested within each month.

Source: MDHHS Data Warehouse,

Some children are tested more than once, and may be included in more than one month or year.

Lead Specimen table

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### *MDHHS Blood Lead Testing Results in Flint*

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- Each year shows a seasonal increase in childhood lead poisoning in the summer months, the highest seasonal increase of which occurred in 2010.
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**Subject:** RE: Flint Talking Points  
**Attachments:** FINAL Flint Lead TP 092415.docx; BLLs in Flint v2.pptx

Just kidding! Here's the final

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Dave – TPs updated to include your one suggestion, as well as a couple points from the attached graph which Geralyn may have already sent you.

Thanks!  
Jennifer

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**Subject:** Flint Talking Points

Hey Brad and Dave,

MDHHS talking points attached.

Thank you,

**Angela Minicuci**  
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## Blood Lead Levels in Flint Talking Points

September 24, 2015

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- Promoting the health of our residents is a statewide priority – a priority that includes ensuring clean, safe drinking water for all residents and especially children.
- The results of the Hurley Children's Hospital are under review by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.
- The analysis that Hurley conducted is different from the way MDHHS has analyzed data regarding blood lead levels in Flint.
- MDHHS is looking to see if we can replicate the results of the Hurley study to see how they achieved their results.

### *MDHHS Blood Lead Testing Results in Flint*

- MDHHS data shows a comprehensive look at the data since 2010, years before the change in Flint's water source occurred in April 2014.
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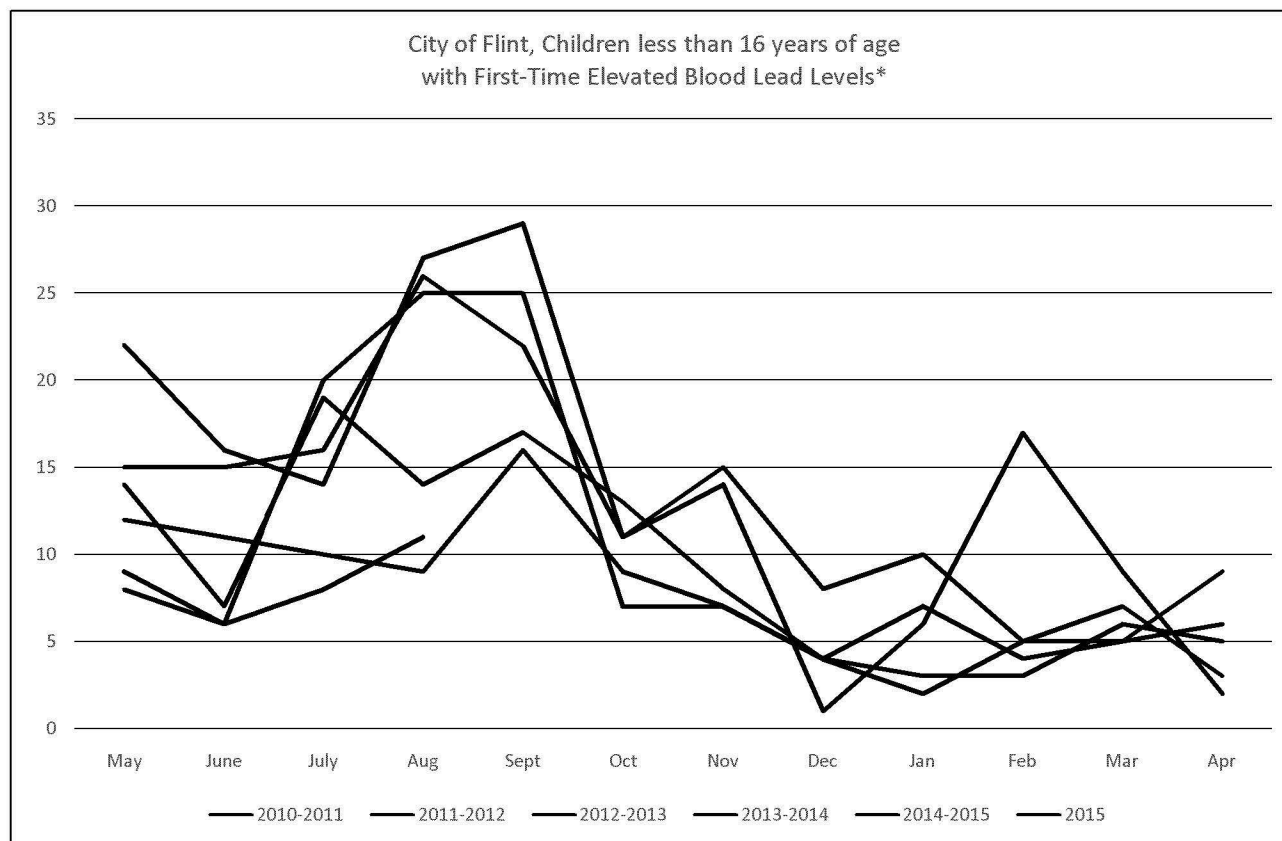
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- An increase in childhood lead poisoning in summer (July, August, September) is typical throughout Michigan every year.
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September 24, 2015

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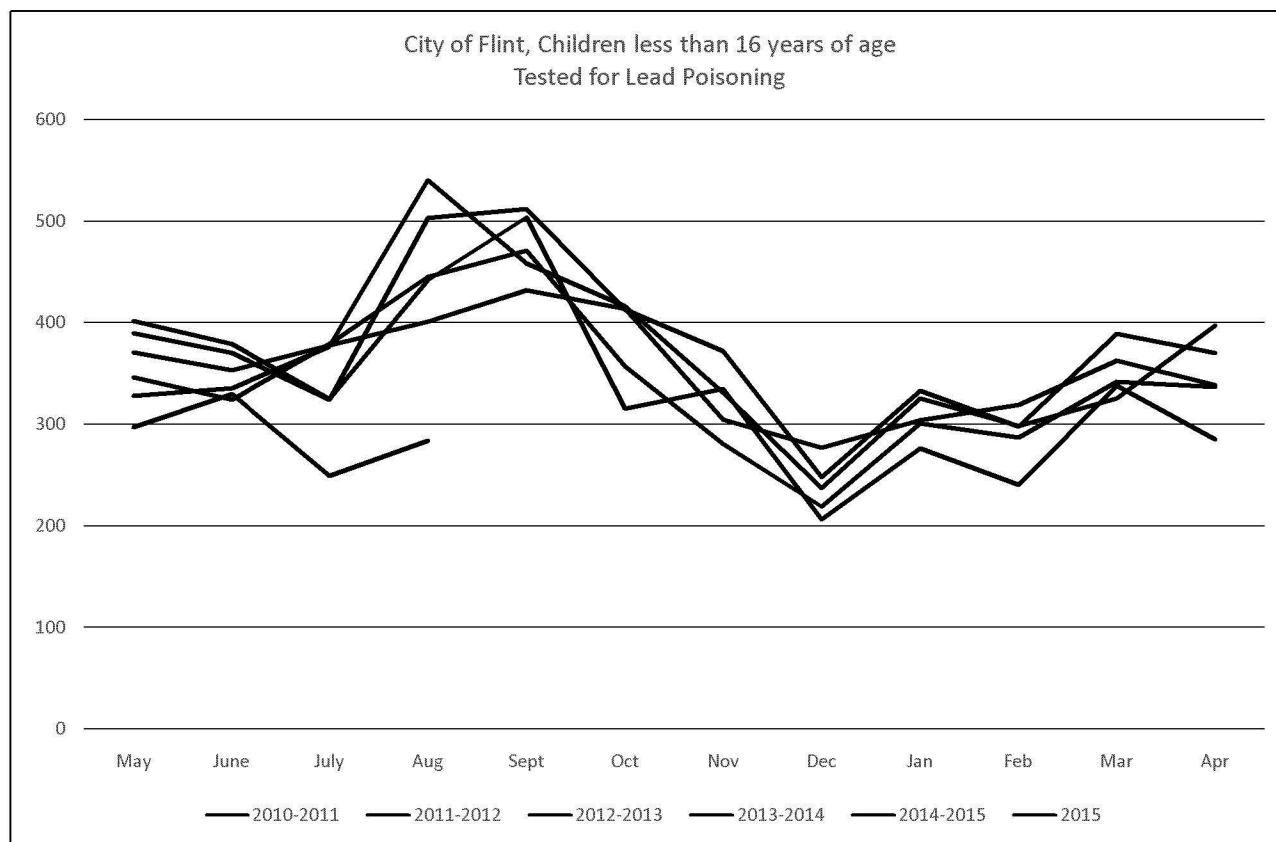
Source: MDHHS Data Warehouse,

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Lead Specimen table

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The number of children tested within each month.

Source: MDHHS Data Warehouse,

Some children are tested more than once, and may be included in more than one month or year.

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Name: Nina Sika

Outlet: WNEM TV 5

Topic: Hoping to talk to you about the Hurley Medical Center press conference that just took place regarding Flint Water to see if the Governor had heard about it and had any reactions or thoughts.

Phone: 989-758-2044

Email: [nina.sika@wnem.com](mailto:nina.sika@wnem.com)

Deadline: By 11pm this evening

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Angela

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Hey Brad and Dave,

MDHHS talking points attached.

Thank you,

**Angela Minicuci**

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**Cc:** Rospond, Laurie (GOV); McBride, Bill (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Phone Call with Congressman Kildee  
**Attachments:** image001.gif

Hi Jordan,

The Governor is going to be traveling most of the day tomorrow, but we work to see if we can find a good time cell-wise and get back with you in the morning.

Thanks,  
Beth

On Sep 24, 2015, at 7:05 PM, Dickinson, Jordan <[Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hi Beth and Laurie,

My boss would like to set up a phone call with Governor Snyder regarding the lead in the water in Flint. He would like to do it tomorrow if possible due to the immediacy of the problem. Please let me know if we can get something scheduled for tomorrow.

Thank you,

**Jordan Dickinson**

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**From:** McBride, Bill (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 5:08 AM  
**To:** Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Cc:** Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Request for Phone Call with Congressman Kildee

I didn't realize I responded to Kildees staff also in last message. My point is that Dennis needs to brief Governor

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**Date:** September 24, 2015 at 9:43:51 PM EDT  
**To:** "[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)" <[emmittb@michigan.gov](mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** "[rospndl@michigan.gov](mailto:rospndl@michigan.gov)" <[rospndl@michigan.gov](mailto:rospndl@michigan.gov)>, "[mcbrideb@michigan.gov](mailto:mcbrideb@michigan.gov)" <[mcbrideb@michigan.gov](mailto:mcbrideb@michigan.gov)>, "[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)" <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Phone Call with Congressman Kildee

Thanks you very much for your prompt response Beth. I look forward to hearing from you in the morning.

Jordan Dickinson  
Legislative Assistant  
Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05)  
202-225-3611

----- Original Message -----

From: Emmitt, Beth (GOV) [<mailto:emmittb@michigan.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 09:26 PM  
To: Dickinson, Jordan  
Cc: Rospond, Laurie (GOV) <[rospndl@michigan.gov](mailto:rospndl@michigan.gov)>; McBride, Bill (GOV) <[mcbrideb@michigan.gov](mailto:mcbrideb@michigan.gov)>; Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)>  
Subject: Re: Request for Phone Call with Congressman Kildee

Hi Jordan,  
The Governor is going to be traveling most of the day tomorrow, but we work to see if we can find a good time cell-wise and get back with you in the morning.  
Thanks,  
Beth

On Sep 24, 2015, at 7:05 PM, Dickinson, Jordan  
<[Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov)<<mailto:Jordan.Dickinson@mail.house.gov>>> wrote:

Hi Beth and Laurie,

My boss would like to set up a phone call with Governor Snyder regarding the lead in the water in Flint. He would like to do it tomorrow if possible due to the immediacy of the problem. Please let me know if we can get something scheduled for tomorrow.

Thank you,

Jordan Dickinson

Legislative Assistant

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**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 8:54 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Minicuci, Angela (DCH); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Subject:** Fwd: PRESS BRIEFING: Health Information for Residents on Water

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**Cc:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Brown, Eric (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Consumer Notice (draft) - city of Flint  
**Attachments:** DRAFT\_Lead Advisory.docx; ATT00001.htm

What Flint is proposing to announce today.  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Prysby, Mike (DEQ)" <PRYSBYM@michigan.gov>  
**Date:** September 25, 2015 at 8:29:46 AM EDT  
**To:** "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" <WurfelB@michigan.gov>, "Fields, Maggie (DEQ)" <Fields>  
**Cc:** "Benzie, Richard (DEQ)" <BENZIER@michigan.gov>, "Busch, Stephen (DEQ)" <BUSCHS@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** Consumer Notice (draft) - city of Flint

Brad,

Mr. Howard Kroft from the city of Flint has prepared a draft Public Health Advisory regarding lead in drinking water that he intends to publish today. Mr. Kroft requested us to review the draft advisory and make any revisions as needed. Attached is a copy of the draft advisory along with our tracked changes. If there are any further edits you see fit, let me know. Also, I will be out of the office today after 11am. Thanks.

Michael Prysby, P.E.  
District Engineer  
Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance  
517 290-8817

## **Consumer Awareness Notice Public Health Advisory Regarding Lead in Drinking Water**

The City of Flint is issuing a Public Health Advisory for residents to be aware of lead levels in drinking water. While the City is in full compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act has not exceeded the lead Action Level (15 parts per billion), this advisory is being issued as part of a public information campaign to ensure that everyone takes note that no level of lead is considered safe.

Lead contamination can leach into water from a home's lead water service lines, lead solder, and leaded plumbing materials including fixtures, faucets, and fittings. Older service lines with pipes and fixtures installed before 1986 can sometimes be more susceptible to lead issues due to materials used in the home such as lead based paint and lead pipes. This message is meant as a precaution to residents and does not mean that all homes in the City will experience the same issue.

In an effort to minimize any potential risk, the City of Flint Public Works Department advises the public to take the following precautions:

- Flush water for at least five minutes prior to use.
- Only use cold water for cooking and drinking.
- Have your water tested (see information below).

For more specific questions about lead related issues please visit the Genesee County Health Department website at [www.gchd.us](http://www.gchd.us) . The City of Flint is working proactively along with the County Health Department, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to improve the water system throughout the City. Activities include the city's plan to install corrosion control treatment at the Water Treatment Plant by January 2016.

The City's Utilities Division continues to offer free water testing by calling the Water Treatment Plant at 810-787-6537 and pressing #1 after prompted or by emailing [flintwater@cityofflint.com](mailto:flintwater@cityofflint.com).

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**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 9:02 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Cc:** Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Minicuci, Angela (DCH)  
**Subject:** Re: PRESS BRIEFING: Health Information for Residents on Water

FYI--This was on MLive earlier this week.

[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/flint\\_will\\_issue\\_lead\\_advisory.html#incart\\_river](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/flint_will_issue_lead_advisory.html#incart_river)

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**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint info

Dave...

See below...from TPs developed last spring. Calling you momentarily..

**The City has received significant financial assistance through both grant programs and bond restructuring initiatives administered by the MI Department of Treasury. This financial assistance has allowed the City to replace miles of aged pipeline and begin efforts to install a specialized filter at the Water Treatment Plant.**

**In February, Flint was awarded a total of \$2 million through two *Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grants*. \$1.1 million was awarded for water system enhancements through improved waste management while \$900,000 was awarded for water system enhancements through leak detection and pipe assessments.**

**On April 8<sup>th</sup>, the City announced that it was moving forward with a series of actions to ensure the continued safety of Flint drinking water and address issues of discoloration and odor. The most significant step will be the installation of a Granulated Active Charcoal filter (GAC) at the Water Treatment Plant. The GAC filter will help block or eliminate the formation of TTHM during the filtration process. The \$1.5 million project (targeted for completion by mid-July) will be funded with proceeds from the state-approved restructuring of Flint's Drinking Water Revolving Fund loans (\$2.24 million).**

**The City is undertaking a number of other improvements to the water system including the acceleration of valve replacements, targeted hydrant flushing, the replacement of two miles of water main in a critical area of the city, and acceleration of the project to automate plant operations.**

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**From:** Kiertzner, James <jim.kiertzner@wxyz.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 12:03 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Flint water

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**From:** Minicuci, Angela (DCH)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 12:09 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Flint water

Yes. I'll reach out to him now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2015, at 12:07 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Hi Angela,

Are you available for more questions today? I sent Jim Kiertzner from WXYZ your info. You'll see below what I've already sent him.

Great job yesterday.

Dave

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**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 12:24 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Questions About Flint Water

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Thanks!  
Jessica Dupnack

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**From:** Dupnack, Jessica <jessica.dupnack@abc12.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 12:32 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Questions About Flint Water

Sounds great!

Thanks!  
Jessica Dupnack

> On Sep 25, 2015, at 12:28 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

>  
> Hi Jess,  
>  
> I'm rounding up answers for you. I might delegate some of the questions to experts within our departments for some of the details, so you might hear directly from them.  
>  
> What's your phone number?

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> Thanks!

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> Dave

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**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 12:34 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** flint river

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I'm interested in the director's position on the potential for reconnecting Flint to Detroit water but especially the governor's position given the mayor's comments today.

Thanks for your help. I have about two hours before I need to get this posted.

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**From:** Stephen Carmody <sgcarmod@umich.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 12:41 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: A news media question

Dave,

Any update on Mayor Walling's request for \$30 million dollars in state aid to fix the water system and help pay for removal of lead pipes in people's homes?

Steve

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Dave,

Can we expect to see the governor play a more visible role in solving Flint's water problem?

Steve Carmody

Michigan Radio

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**From:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 12:44 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Questions About Flint Water

I think it's perfectly fair to say the emergency manager took the action following an 8-1 vote of the Flint City Council and the recommendation from the mayor.

Sent from my iPhone

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> Jarrod,

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> The first question from this Flint television reporter might be the opening we are looking for. I know we're being RPA and careful, but can I use this as an opportunity to point out that the emergency manager took the action following an 8-1 vote of the Flint City Council and the recommendation from the mayor -- and that the EM was following the wishes of the local leaders?

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> It's not like the vote was a secret, and there are stories about it at the time. We've tread lightly there before, but her question allows us to state that accurately and openly. Can I go there?

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> Here question:

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Ive got some context. He was referring specifically to the final order from Jerry Ambrose that said the EM's actions couldn't be undone immediately by the mayor or council.  
Walling said the governor would need to support such changing an action of the former EM.  
Also, while walling said reconnection with Detroit is part of the discussion with the state, he did not say he will ask the governor to do it.  
He said after the news conference that he has no plans to make the request but said it has been part of ongoing discussions.  
Here's a link to our live stream.  
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I can give you information from the governor, but Brad can help with the director. I'm not sure what the mayor means by "support of the governor." Did he elaborate? Can you ask him exactly what he wants the governor to do?

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**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 2:35 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: flint river

OK. Is reconnection to Detroit an option that's still being considered by the governor?

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**From:** Murray, David (GOV) [<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 1:52 PM  
**To:** Ronald Fonger  
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Thanks for the insight. That helps! I'm sure Brad filled you in on the Wyant conversations.

The governor and state agencies continue to work with city and community leaders on a variety of approaches to help residents and ensure they have clean, safe water. It's important that residents have access to accurate information, and know where they can get their homes tested and have access to medical tests that will ease their minds. Both the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health and Human Services are working closely with the city and evaluating data to assist the Flint leaders as they make decisions for their city moving forward.

Dave

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I've got some context. He was referring specifically to the final order from Jerry Ambrose that said the EM's actions couldn't be undone immediately by the mayor or council.

Walling said the governor would need to support such changing an action of the former EM.

Also, while Walling said reconnection with Detroit is part of the discussion with the state, he did not say he will ask the governor to do it.

He said after the news conference that he has no plans to make the request but said it has been part of ongoing discussions.

Here's a link to our live stream.

[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/watch\\_live\\_flint\\_lead\\_in\\_water.html#incart\\_river\\_home](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/watch_live_flint_lead_in_water.html#incart_river_home)

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I can give you information from the governor, but Brad can help with the director. I'm not sure what the mayor means by "support of the governor." Did he elaborate? Can you ask him exactly what he wants the governor to do?

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Hi Dave/Brad:

Mayor Walling said today that at his meeting with DEQ Monday there was discussion of switching Flint back to Detroit water.

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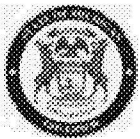
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**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 4:11 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint water background

Thank you!

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**From:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 4:08 PM  
**To:** Bedan, Morgan (GOV) <[BedanM@michigan.gov](mailto:BedanM@michigan.gov)>  
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Hello Morgan,

Here is an FAQ provided by the DEQ and talking points provided by DHHS.

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 4:22 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Flint water

Calling you about this one ...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Kaffer, Nancy" <[nkaffer@freepress.com](mailto:nkaffer@freepress.com)>  
**Date:** September 25, 2015 at 4:14:19 PM EDT  
**To:** "Wurfel, Sara (GOV)" <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>  
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Deadline question for a column due today. :)

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Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 2:54 PM  
To: 'Wurfel, Sara (GOV)' <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Flint water

Hi Sara - A little confused by your response. Not sure if Darnell Earley was EM when the decision was made to use Flint River -- It may have been Michael Brown? He was EM when the decision was made to join the Karegnondi Water Authority but I'm not sure about the decision to switch to Flint River water and stop using DWSD, but regardless, he's an EM appointed by the governor -- but I'm unclear why you guys would sign off on something as important about the integrity of an entire city's water supply if you had "severe reservations"? Any light you could shed on that would be much appreciated.

Also, not clear what the Genesee Board of Commissioners has to do with it? They're a separate water customer and have continued to use DWSD while Karegnondi is under construction.

Our data analyst has been in contact with HHS. Story on that is forthcoming.

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Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 4:26 PM  
To: Kaffer, Nancy <[nkaffer@freepress.com](mailto:nkaffer@freepress.com)>  
Subject: Re: Flint water

Just so you know ... that's not accurate history, Nancy. This change was pushed and direct request of Genesee Co Board of Commissioners AND city council (7-1) and mayor at the time. We had severe reservations about switch but ultimately was nearly unanimous request from local local level that Treasury signed off on. (And FYI double checking, but nearly certain EM at time was not Darnell E.)

Not that any of that matters, Nancy.  
The bottom line is that we have been working hard to do everything possible to play a supportive role and work in collaborative fashion across all levels of government with community, faith & business leaders, residents, etc.

Protecting public health is paramount and safe, clean, accessible drinking water is essential. That's what we solely focused on helping ensure.

Highly recommend you reach out to state Health & Human Services team for how this data set was spliced and diced. That's key to understanding. They can walk through for you and Freep team.

Thanks much,  
SW

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**Subject:** DESD Termination Letter to Flint  
**Attachments:** DWSD Termination Ltr.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Attached is a copy of the letter from DWSD terminating Flint's water contract-connection.

Please call me when you can.

April 17, 2013

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**Via Certified Mail and Electronic Delivery**

Ms. Inez M. Brown  
City Clerk  
City of Flint  
2nd Floor, City Hall  
1101 S. Saginaw Street  
Flint, Michigan 48502

Dear Ms. Brown:

**Regarding: Termination of Contract for the Provision of Water Services  
by the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department**

On December 20, 1965, the City of Detroit, through its Board of Water Commissioners, (DWSD) and the City of Flint, Michigan (Flint) entered into a contract for the provision of DWSD treated water to Flint and the distribution by Flint of that water to other Genesee County communities. Section 18 of that Agreement<sup>1</sup> provides:

18. The Board [DWSD] shall supply and sell water to the City [Flint] from the water system of the City of Detroit, and the City shall receive and purchase such water in accordance with the terms of this Agreement for an indefinite period of time but at least for a period of thirty-five (35) years from the date hereof. This Agreement may be terminated by either party after expiration of said 35-year period, upon one year's written notice served upon the other party by delivering the same to the Secretary of the Board or to the Clerk of the City as the case may be, or at any time upon mutual consent of both parties.

Please take notice that pursuant to this section, 18, of the above-referenced Agreement, DWSD is terminating this Agreement one year from today's date (April 17, 2014).

Sincerely yours,

  
Sue F. McCormick  
Director

<sup>1</sup> Although the Agreement between DWSD has been subsequently amended, Section 18 remains unchanged and in full effect.

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**From:** Burr, Richard <RBurr@detroitnews.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 7:36 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint water system and Gov. Snyder

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**From:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 8:05 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Cc:** Saxton, Thomas (Treasury); Workman, Wayne (TREASURY); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Kaffer issue.

Sara and Dave...

Below is my proposed response to Nancy...with which I intend to include 3 documents. Please confirm you are ok with this as it won't necessarily paint DWSD in a favorable light.

Please advise asap. I will send the 2 additional letters under separate emails.

"Nancy...

I am sending you a series of documents (3) to help frame the situation regarding Flint water.

The first is a letter Flint officials sent to DWSD in June of 2012, requesting that Flint be allowed to "blend" DWSD water with Flint river water to keep costs for Flint reasonable and affordable. Please note that DWSD was increasing rates by 5-times.

The second letter (Sept. 2012) from the city of Flint to the DWSD again requests written approval for the city to "blend" water, as requested in the June letter.

These letters were sent to DWSD as Flint officials, including the Mayor and city council, considered a move to KWA vs staying with DWSD.

In April of 2013, Flint received the 3rd document, from DWSD, terminating the contract with Flint effective April 17, 2014.

It is my understanding that the City of Flint then worked over the next number of months to upgrade its water facilities, test those facilities for quality and efficient water supply to residents and to gain Department of Environmental Quality approval to use Flint River water until KWA was operational in the spring of 2016.

Given DWSD's decision to terminate Flint's contract...and given that the Flint River had long been the city's backup source, Flint was faced with limited options."

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**From:** Burr, Richard <RBurr@detroitnews.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 8:48 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint water system and Gov. Snyder

thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]  
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 8:41 PM  
To: Burr, Richard <RBurr@detroitnews.com>  
Subject: Re: Flint water system and Gov. Snyder

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**From:** Bowling, Joe'L (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 9:19 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Cc:** Biehl, Laura (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Subject:** PHONE MESSAGE: Nick Lulli - ( TV 5 News)

Name: Nick Lulli  
Outlet: TV 5 News (WNEM)  
Topic: Flint Water Situation  
Email: [nlulli@wnem.com](mailto:nlulli@wnem.com)  
Phone: 989-254-9280  
Deadline: 9/28 @ 5pm

Joe'L Bowling  
Communications Intern  
Executive Office of Gov. Rick Snyder  
517-335-6397

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**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 9:26 AM  
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**From:** Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 9:25 AM  
**Subject:** Flint water

Hi Nick,

Is there something specific you are looking for? If not, it might be wise to sit tight for a little bit. I know there are some conversations happening today, and we might have some fresh information.

Dave

**Dave Murray**

Deputy Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder

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**From:** Sarah Cwiek <scwiek@umich.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 12:28 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Follow-up questions re: Flint water

Hi Sara and Dave,

I asked the Governor some questions about this in the Detroit scrum this morning. He told me everybody is still working on it, no specifics, waiting on "getting all the facts," but something should be announced this week.

I do understand that, but it does raise a couple of other question in the meantime:

--What "facts" are you still trying to get? What, specifically, is the factual dispute here at this point?

--Even if we don't have specifics yet, how much responsibility do the Governor and state ultimately bear for fixing the whole problem? Especially since the city had an EM when the water switch was made?

Thanks so much,

Sarah

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 1:20 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV); Lasher, Geralyn (DCH); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Governor Snyder: Flint Water  
**Attachments:** 09.28.2015-Letter-Ananich-Snyder-Water-Requests.pdf

Looping you in too ...

Need a follow-up call on this issue to chat and make sure we're all on same page asap.

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**From:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 12:05 PM  
**To:** McBride, Bill (GOV) <[mcbrideb@michigan.gov](mailto:mcbrideb@michigan.gov)>; Hollins, Harvey (GOV) <[hollinsh@michigan.gov](mailto:hollinsh@michigan.gov)>; Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <[AgentJ@michigan.gov](mailto:AgentJ@michigan.gov)>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>; Lyon, Nick (DCH) <[LyonN2@michigan.gov](mailto:LyonN2@michigan.gov)>; Wyant, Dan (DEQ) <[WyantD@michigan.gov](mailto:WyantD@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Governor Snyder: Flint Water

Just came in

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**From:** Andrew Leavitt [<mailto:ALEavitt@senate.michigan.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 11:45 AM  
**To:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <[muchmored@michigan.gov](mailto:muchmored@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Letter to Governor Snyder: Flint Water

Hi Dennis,

Senator Ananich began drafting the attached letter on Sunday and thought it would be helpful to guide our 12pm call.

Thanks,

Andy

September 28, 2015

State of Michigan  
**Executive Office of the Governor**  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

Governor Snyder,

Access to safe, affordable drinking water is a basic necessity for every community. It is completely unacceptable that respected scientific experts and our trusted local physicians have verified that the City of Flint's drinking water is dangerous for our citizens, especially our most vulnerable young people.

As a result, I am formally requesting assistance as suggested by the experts on the frontline of this public health crisis. Here are the top priorities we should work together to address:

1. **Swift transfer to a safe source of water until the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) project is complete next year.** Your administration has the ability to ensure a financially acceptable and responsible contract between Flint and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, particularly in light of the public health implications with the Flint River supply.
2. **Equally urgent is the need for corrosion control as recommended by independent scientific experts.** There are chemical treatment additives that could help reduce this corrosion. I urge you to help the city implement anti-corrosion methods immediately. The current emergency makes the January timeline unacceptable.
3. **Filters and bottled water assistance.** Flint water touches the entire city. Whether it's a person's home, work, school, restaurant or place of worship, access to safe, clean drinking water should not be hindered. Water filters, used in conjunction with corrosion control methods, are necessary to help guard against toxic exposure.

I have been working with the philanthropic community and private sector to secure donations to acquire filters and water; however, more funds will be necessary to effectively cover the thousands of residents impacted. I would like to formally request emergency funding to help supplement the acquisition of water filters and bottled water. Any and all appropriate state or federal money to help accomplish this feat should be considered.

4. **Support for completion of the KWA pipeline.** It is presumed that the upcoming KWA pipeline will solve a number of problems associated with the current sourcing of Flint's water from the Flint River. I am requesting a meeting between representatives from your office, KWA board members and project engineers to discuss any options to expedite the pipeline's construction.
5. **A long-term commitment to addressing outdated infrastructure.** A recent EPA report just outlined the billions of dollars necessary over the next several decades to adequately secure safe water for our entire state. You have the position and opportunity to be a national leader on moving the debate forward on this topic so that we can avoid the type of catastrophe my community is grappling with today.

I look forward to working with you to deliver on these concrete and urgent action items to alleviate the public health crisis facing our residents.

We jeopardize any progress and comeback for our cities and state if we cannot ensure safe, basic necessities for our families or if we cannot come together swiftly to fix an identified, severe threat to the safety of our people.

Sincerely,



Jim Ananich  
Senate Democratic Leader  
District 27

cc:

U.S. Representative Dan Kildee  
Mayor Dayne Walling, City of Flint  
Howard Croft, City of Flint  
Susan Hedman, EPA  
Thomas Poy, EPA  
Michael Schock, EPA-ORD  
Darren Lytle, EPA-ORD  
Denise Fortin, EPA  
Liane Shekter-Smith, MDEQ  
Pat Cook, MDEQ  
Stephen Busch, MDEQ  
Brad Wurfel, MDEQ  
Marc Edwards, Virginia Tech

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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 2:58 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** seeking comment on ananich

Dave:

We just received this and understand the governor also spoke to Congressman Kildee today about the potential for state funding for lead clearing water filers.

As you see, Ananich is asking for strong consideration of switching back to the Detroit water source.

I'm interested in a comment from your office on these two suggestions, particularly the Detroit water switch since Ananich has put this in writing and a grass roots group that includes local pastors asked for the same thing in a news conference this morning.

Thanks,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:13 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich Urges Governor, State Action in Flint

Dave -

We just received this release from Sen. Ananich. Do you know if the Governor is doing anything in particular on this issue of Flint's lead-laced water supply?

Kyle

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From: **Angela Wittrock** <[AWittrock@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:AWittrock@senate.michigan.gov)>

Date: Mon, Sep 28, 2015 at 2:48 PM

Subject: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich Urges Governor, State Action in Flint

To: Angela Wittrock <[AWittrock@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:AWittrock@senate.michigan.gov)>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Angela Wittrock

September 28, 2015

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**Angela Wittrock**

*Press Secretary*

Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich

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**From:** Nick Lulli <Nick.Lulli@wnem.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:18 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Flint water

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**From:** Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:17 PM  
**To:** Nick Lulli  
**Subject:** Flint water

Hi Nick,

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It's important to remember that the emergency manager had the final say on making the change, but did so at the strong urging of Flint city leaders. This was not a decision that was forced upon the city. Emergency managers often try to work closely with mayors and city councils, getting recommendations from the local communities they are serving. The decision to make the switch during the construction of the Karegnondi pipeline came after an 8-1 vote by the City Council and strong endorsement by the mayor and Genesee County leaders. The move also came after a series of upgrades to Flint's water treatment plant.

It's also important to remember that switching back to Detroit water will not necessarily have the effect that some expect. Flint has long-term challenges with its water infrastructure that need to be addressed.

Dave

**Dave Murray**

Deputy Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder

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**From:** Nick Lulli <Nick.Lulli@wnem.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:23 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Flint water

Better to have too much than too little! Thanks!

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**From:** Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:22 PM  
**To:** Nick Lulli  
**Subject:** RE: Flint water

Sorry for the delay! I know this is probably way more than you wanted...

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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:25 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: seeking comment on ananich

Ok thanks dave. I sent it to sara too.

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**From:** Murray, David (GOV) [<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:23 PM  
**To:** Ronald Fonger  
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Will have something in a minute.

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Dave:

We just received this and understand the governor also spoke to Congressman Kildee today about the potential for state funding for lead clearing water filers.

As you see, Ananich is asking for strong consideration of switching back to the Detroit water source.

I'm interested in a comment from your office on these two suggestions, particularly the Detroit water switch since Ananich has put this in writing and a grass roots group that includes local pastors asked for the same thing in a news conference this morning.

Thanks,

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**From:** Sarah Cwiek <scwiek@umich.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:28 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-up questions re: Flint water

Thanks, Dave. This is really truly helpful. I'll leave the more technical stuff with my colleagues who are covering this more closely for now, I was just wondering what basic facts remain in dispute at this point.

In terms of the responsibility question, I guess what I meant was that if we all agree that everyone needs access to safe, fresh water, and if Flint as a city simply can't afford to provide it...does the state then have a responsibility to step in and make that happen, one way or another?

On Mon, Sep 28, 2015 at 12:44 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Touch base with Angela Minicuci at the Department of Health and Human Services – [517-373-0860](tel:517-373-0860) – and she has information about state blood test results that are very different than the ones that were discussed in Flint last week. Angela is outstanding. Brand Wurfel of the Department of Environmental Quality is the expert on the water itself, and how and when additives can be added that can address various issues – such as corrosion control measures. There are federal laws that might come into play here. Brad is at [REDACTED]

I'm not sure I understand your responsibility question.

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The state and city also are following laws regarding testing and corrective measures added to water. When the City changed water sources in May 2014, state and federal law required the city to sample for lead and copper for a full year to determine how the water may be interacting with residential lead plumbing to increase lead levels. Flint is moving quickly to optimize corrosion control measures in its water system. Brad is the expert here and can give you details.

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**Subject:** Follow-up questions re: Flint water

Hi Sara and Dave,

I asked the Governor some questions about this in the Detroit scrum this morning. He told me everybody is still working on it, no specifics, waiting on "getting all the facts," but something should be announced this week.

I do understand that, but it does raise a couple of other question in the meantime:

--What "facts" are you still trying to get? What, specifically, is the factual dispute here at this point?

--Even if we don't have specifics yet, how much responsibility do the Governor and state ultimately bear for fixing the whole problem? Especially since the city had an EM when the water switch was made?

Thanks so much,

Sarah

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**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint water infrastructure challenges

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It's no problem. I was just curious. However, you didn't answer my question – will there be a press release on the TED initiative the governor attended earlier this afternoon? Or will that come from TED?

Thanks again

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**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:53 PM  
**To:** 'demerson@gongwer.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Flint water infrastructure challenges

The intern taking the message had it as [d.emerson@gongwer.com](mailto:d.emerson@gongwer.com). It didn't look right to me, so I sent it to the address I had on file. Just wanted to make sure you got the comment and weren't hanging out there waiting for a response.

Dave

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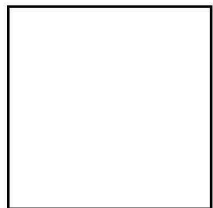
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**From:** Eggert, David <DEggert@ap.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 4:10 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich Urges Governor, State Action in Flint

Can one of you call me to discuss? Thx.

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**From:** Angela Wittrock [<mailto:AWittrock@senate.michigan.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 2:48 PM  
**To:** Angela Wittrock  
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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:59 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** water filters

Hey Dave:  
Two things.

I heard a clip of the governor on Michigan Radio today, saying, "There's actions going on," he said. "But I think we'd rather make sure I can give you a longer list of the comprehensive actions we're taking sometime during the week."

Is there any information you can share about the timing of the release of this information?

Second, we've repeatedly quoted DEQ and city of Flint people about the efforts to improve water quality and printed assurances that the water meets state and federal health and safety standards. Given that, why did the governor's office help to facilitate the water filter donation?

Were the filters designed to remove TTHM, lead or both?

Thanks

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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 9:02 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** filters

Dave:

One more thing. Was there a reason the state's involvement in the filter giveaway was never announced?

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**From:** Hollins, Harvey (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 9:43 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Press Conference on Flint Drinking Water

David,  
Could you think about what we need to say on behalf of the Governor at this press conference? I am interested in your thoughts.  
Harvey

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**From:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 2:27 PM  
**To:** Wyant, Dan (DEQ) <[WyantD@michigan.gov](mailto:WyantD@michigan.gov)>; Lyon, Nick (DCH) <[LyonN2@michigan.gov](mailto:LyonN2@michigan.gov)>; Hollins, Harvey (GOV) <[hollinsh@michigan.gov](mailto:hollinsh@michigan.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Proposed Press Conference on Flint Drinking Water

Thank you, you're always ahead of us. I don't have any reservations about the PC, although as I mentioned I don't see any reason to have Mr. Sienko, as we have a top notch professional in Eden Wells and certainly Tim and Geralyn if need be.

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**From:** Wyant, Dan (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 7:18 AM  
**To:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <[muchmored@michigan.gov](mailto:muchmored@michigan.gov)>; Lyon, Nick (DCH) <[LyonN2@michigan.gov](mailto:LyonN2@michigan.gov)>; Hollins, Harvey (GOV) <[hollinsh@michigan.gov](mailto:hollinsh@michigan.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Proposed Press Conference on Flint Drinking Water

Per the ongoing issues in Flint concerning their drinking water, I would offer the following recommendations. Let's discuss.

## **Recommendation**

Press Conference in Flint – Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

## **Participants**

Mayor of Flint  
Dan Wyant – Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
Nick Lyon – Department of Community Health  
Susan Hedman – Region 5 Administrator or EPA  
Harvey Hollins – Governor's office  
Local Public Health Department

## **Announcement**



## Federal – State – Local action plan to address Flint Drinking Water

1. Governor Snyder names Dr. Dean Sienko as Flint drinking water Public Health Advisor.
2. All Flint schools water will immediately be tested to ensure that drinking water is safe.
3. Advisories will be disseminated recommending citizens flush your cold water pipes, use only water from the cold water tap for drinking, cooking and especially for making baby formula.
4. Implementation of fully optimized corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.
5. Expanded water testing of at risk properties.
6. Offer water testing at no cost to Flint residents to assure water is safe.
7. Convene a safe drinking water “ Technical Review Advisory” to ensure best technology, practices and science is being utilized, including EPA’s expertise and assistance from their Office of Research and Development.
8. Offer bottled water and premixed formula if test results indicate high levels of lead.
9. Accelerate water system improvements to address replacement of lead service lines.

Dan Wyant, Director  
Department of Environmental Quality  
517-284-6700 (New Number)

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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 11:34 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** water filters

Dave:

The pastors are telling me that they were told by staffers working with Dennis Muchmore that the state's role in securing the filters could not be revealed.

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**From:** Stephen Carmody <sgcarmod@umich.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 4:17 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Just trying to confirm Mlive story

Dave,

Can you confirm the mlive story saying the governor played a role in helping flint pastors obtain water filters?

Also, are we close to a decision on the state's role in fixing flint's water system?

Steve Carmody  
Michigan Radio

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**From:** Egan, Paul <pegan@freepress.com>  
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Dave I meant to add a link to the story. Sorry and thanks, Paul

[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/state assured flint water was.html#incart\\_2box](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/state_assured_flint_water_was.html#incart_2box)

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Paul, between you and me, we have concerns about the MLive story. I'm happy to give you the information first hand.

The administration has worked closely with the Concerned Pastors group on the water issue, and the members are passionate about supporting their parishioners and the Flint community as a whole. We certainly share their concern that everyone in Flint should have safe, clean water. Flint water does meet state and federal safety standards. People have complained about the color and the odor, and faucet filters will help with those challenges as well as improving water quality overall.

About two months ago, the governor's office worked with a corporate donor to provide 1,500 of the faucet filters. We're appreciative of the efforts of the donor, which didn't want recognition. We respect those wishes. We are talking with other businesses and groups that might be able to expand the effort.

We worked with the pastors group to distribute the filters, and asked that members respect the donor's wishes not to be identified. We told the group that we were not looking for credit, and appreciated the pastors' efforts in working with the community.

The governor continues to work with state, federal and city staff members and agencies on a variety of steps to build upon what we've already done to help Flint city leaders with their water infrastructure challenges.

Dave

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 4:30 PM  
**To:** Egan, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: flint water

My pleasure. Want to stress that that happened two months ago. Nothing was done "hush-hush." We just don't need to take credit for things.

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**From:** Egan, Paul [mailto:pegan@freepress.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 4:28 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: flint water

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 4:27 PM  
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**To:** Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** flint water

Hi Dave, since you were the source on this, can you please confirm what Mlive reports about governor's role in getting the water filters to Flint, and could you please give me a quote about that I can add to my story?

Thanks, Paul

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**From:** Brown, Jessica (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 4:49 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Cc:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Subject:** CMEAA Scrum Transcript  
**Attachments:** 150929.CMEAASCRUM.docx

Attached if needed. Covers Syrian refugees, roads and has one Q on Flint water.

*Jessica M. Brown*

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**Reporter:** Do you have a refugee number in mind?

**Governor Snyder:** No that would be premature Tim. Because again it's not just simply selecting number. It's working with communities and organizations to see how many they can support in terms of doing things the right way. So it's not about numbers but about having people come here and have a quality experience and becoming good Michiganders and creating an environment where even more Michiganders that are here can have good jobs.

**Reporter:** For those that are fearful that immigrants coming in will cost me my job. What would you say to those folks?

**Gov:** Well that's why I mentioned that in particular, about making sure we communicate the message about how it can help create more jobs. So a couple issues in particular when we look at this. One is making sure we are looking at the security processes. Now the federal government spends a lot of time on clearances. That's usually one of the biggest constraints. It can take 18-24 months of review on someone's background. But then if you look at the historically, the backgrounds of many is these people is that they were great small business owner, professionals. They were people that hire people. That tend to create jobs. And the evidence supports that nationwide. As I've done this process in the past. An immigrant with a highly skilled background will often create two and a half jobs for other people.

**Reporter:** Would these be individuals seeking asylum then?

**Gov:** Well again, that would be part of it because there is a real crisis in the Middle East with refugees. And isn't it part of our nature as Americans to say 'how can we help people in need?' whether it's financial assistance or other assistance. If we have an opportunity to be more proactive I think it's fair to look at. So that's why I don't want to overreach, to give a certain number or say we're going to go do this. But I think it's worth exploring and making sure we have a program to do that homework. Isn't that part of being a good Michigander?

**Reporter:** What about the refugee programs that you announced last week?

**Gov:** Yeah we're still in discussions with the White House and the administration on that. I think it's a real solid proposal. I appreciate the mayor partnering on that process and the city of Detroit. And I still hope we can get a positive outcome on that because I think that would be a tremendous economic boost that would create jobs for Michiganders. And get that done.

**Reporter:** Does it require congressional action?

**Gov:** I think we tried to present a path where it may not. So that was part of our dialogue. Is there a way to do it through regulations and administrative action as opposed to legislation?

**Reporter:** The refugees. Have you been in touch with the refugee relocations centers in Michigan?

**Gov:** My team has. I haven't personally spoken to them, but that's where we are trying to make an assessment of their capabilities, what they think is possible, and understanding the situation in more detail. Because again, it's not about just bringing people here, it's about how to make it a positive, constructive experience for them and for Michiganders that are here. \_\_\_\_\_

**Reporter:** There seems to be a difference in the interpretation of some of the data. Do you believe that the water in Flint is contributing to higher lead levels in the children there?

**Gov:** Well we are doing a lot of work on that. Actually I have a large team of people working on the Flint water issue as we speak. What I would say is, during the course of the week and earlier next week, hopefully we will be coming out with more public action steps that have been ongoing and will be discussing more steps to take in the future. I take it as a serious issue about the Flint water issue. Leads a serious issue, so again we're spending a lot of time and effort looking at that and hoping to partner with the people in Flint on that issue.

**Reporter:** Can you comment on the tax credits? Are you getting any back from General Motors or Chrysler or is that in the offering?

**Gov:** Well again, we came to a good agreement with Ford and we are having constructive dialogue with other tax payers. Again, I don't want to speculate on names Tim that wouldn't be appropriate given my position, but we are trying to work with other tax payers on those issues.

**Reporter:** Is the money there for the roads?

**Gov:** I wouldn't tie that into the roads issues. I would say we continue to have constructive meetings. We had a good dialogue today in a quadrant meeting again about again, more incremental steps in a positive fashion towards hopefully a comprehensive solution.

**Reporter:** (Inaudible) ... about your Supreme Court appointment here?

**Gov:** Really near term because, again, they are beginning their term soon and so I want to make sure that we've got a good, full court to go and I'm looking at that question so we'll update you fairly soon on that.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 6:29 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: PRESS INQUIRY | The Guardian re: Flint

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 3:37 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>  
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**From:** Livengood, Chad <CLivengood@detroitnews.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 6:49 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint water filters

Dave,  
One quick follow-up question. Did this corporate donor come to the governor or did the governor or your office solicit this donation?

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Dave

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:34 AM  
**To:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Baird, Richard (GOV)  
**Cc:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Flint water

Please see below. Not sure what status of our outreach and plans on water filters is? Perhaps we were involved in this GM effort indirectly or directly already. That said, there may be value in combining or coordinating.

Let's talk, please. Want to make sure we're all on same page internally first.

Thanks!  
SW

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Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:00 AM  
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>  
Subject: Flint water

Sara,  
We understand the Governor is going to make an announcement today about Flint water. Can you tell me anything? We are in the process of making a large donation to the community in support of water filters. We do not want to get cross with anyone. I will keep information confidential.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Stephen Carmody <sgcarmod@umich.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:28 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Just working on my schedule today

Dave,

not to pin you down to anything...but is there a chance of something happening today involving Flint water?

Steve Carmody  
Michigan Radio

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**From:** Ryan Felton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 2:11 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: PRESS INQUIRY | The Guardian re: Flint

Hi all,

Following up to see if I can expect a response later this afternoon.

Thanks much!

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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 2:21 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** governor's statement

Dave:

Jonathan Oosting sent us this comment made by the governor today about the Flint water situation in response to questions. We're working on a story based on his remarks.

**What will you do? Was it a mistake to switch to Flint river?** What I would say is, we've been actively working that issue for a significant period of time, and we've put a lot of additional resources in more recent days towards the issue. In terms of a mistake, we found there are probably things that weren't as fully understood when that switch was made, and again, it was a switch made with the community. So we're going through that process of saying it appears that lead levels could be higher or could be increased, what could be done to deal with that in an effective fashion. Again, we're looking at making sure they're within safe limits according to the federal government, and I would expect us to have more to talk about this subject before the end of the week, in terms of more tangible action items, not just what we're doing, but who we're partnering with flint and the federal government."

I want to make sure I understand what's being said in the highlighted portion of the comment.

I think it's that some things were not fully understood when the switch to the Flint River was made.

Of course, I'd also like to elaborate, but I'll work with what I have.

Can you clarify or elaborate?

Thanks,

**Ron Fonger**  
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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 3:45 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** one more question

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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 3:52 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: one more question

Ok thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Murray, David (GOV) [<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 3:51 PM  
To: Ronald Fonger  
Subject: Re: one more question

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**From:** Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 4:03 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** PHONE MESSAGE: Geralyn Lasher, DHHS

**Importance:** High

NAME: Geralyn Lasher  
OUTLET: DHHS  
PHONE: Ext. 12112  
EMAIL: [lasherg@michigan.gov](mailto:lasherg@michigan.gov)  
QUESTION: Flint water  
DEADLINE: ASAP



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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 4:32 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: one more question

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**From:** Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 4:58 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: one more question

Does that mean the filters were delivered in July ? Or did some arrive in July and some later?  
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 30, 2015, at 4:40 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

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> The process started about 2 months ago.

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 6:26 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Cc:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Grant

**Importance:** High

Who can answer this STAT?

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**From:** Kaffer, Nancy [<mailto:nkaffer@freepress.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 6:17 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Grant

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 6:04 PM  
**To:** Kaffer, Nancy <[nkaffer@freepress.com](mailto:nkaffer@freepress.com)>  
**Subject:** Grant  
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And where does this other \$2.2 M that's talked about in grants come from??

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I don't recall either grant being related to "the existence of lead and copper pipes, and the impact...of Flint River water" (Nancy's words) as neither had surfaced as an issue that I am aware of. Brad?

The grants...which the City submitted applications for (which I do not have access to tonight)...were to be used for exactly what was described in the Gov's release:

\$1.1 million for water system enhancement through improved waste management and \$900k for system enhancement through leak detection and pipe assessments.

The other \$2.24 million you are asking about came from the state-approved (Treasury & DEQ) restructuring of Flint's Drinking Water Revolving Fund loans. The restructuring saved the city the \$2.24m...with \$1.5m used to pay for the installation of a Granulated Active Charcoal filter (GAC) at the Water Treatment Plant.

Below is a section from the Flint Water TPs distributed in late January-early February 2015.

***The City has received significant financial assistance through both grant programs and bond restructuring initiatives administered by the MI Department of Treasury. This financial assistance has allowed the City to replace miles of aged pipeline and begin efforts to install a specialized filter at the Water Treatment Plant.***

***In February, Flint was awarded a total of \$2 million through two Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grants. \$1.1 million was awarded for water system enhancements through improved waste management while \$900,000 was awarded for water system enhancements through leak detection and pipe assessments.***

***On April 8<sup>th</sup>, the City announced that it was moving forward with a series of actions to ensure the continued safety of Flint drinking water and address issues of discoloration and odor. The most significant step will be the installation of a Granulated Active Charcoal filter (GAC) at the Water Treatment Plant. The GAC filter will help block or eliminate the formation of TTHM during the filtration process.***

***A contract for the filter installation was approved by the State Treasurer with the project targeted for completion by mid-July. The \$1.5 million project will be funded with proceeds from the state-approved restructuring of Flint's Drinking Water Revolving Fund loans (\$2.24 million).***

***The City is undertaking a number of other improvements to the water system including the acceleration of valve replacements, targeted hydrant flushing, the replacement of two miles of water main in a critical area of the city, and acceleration of the project to automate plant operations.***



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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 6:26 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov>; Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) <StantonT@michigan.gov>  
**Cc:** Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Grant  
**Importance:** High

Who can answer this STAT?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 6:17 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Grant

I'm a little confused about this press release ... it sounds like the majority of that grant is to replace an incinerator, and \$900k is create a map of leaks in pipes so that the city can prioritize repair, and provide a pipe thickness assessment that will contribute to the city's water main replacement program ... was any of this directly prompted by the existence of lead and copper pipes, and the impact to those pipes of the more-corrosive Flint River water?

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**To:** Kaffer, Nancy <nkaffer@freepress.com>  
**Subject:** Grant  
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Here's one example of the funding that has been allocated:

[http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577\\_57657-346722--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_57657-346722--,00.html)

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 9:03 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Mlive guest column 092015  
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**Importance:** High

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**Cc:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <[muchmored@michigan.gov](mailto:muchmored@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Mlive guest column 092015

First cut at Mlive guest column. Same drill as last email, please review and advise before we share it around to the broader group.

Thanks.

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## **Leaders address ‘crisis of confidence’ with Flint water**

Residents of Flint have been hearing concerning news about the municipal water supply for more than a year. Since the City switched water supplies and began using the Flint River as its source, some have complained that the water is different. State regulators have cited the system for various compliance issues.

More recently, voices within the community – and some from other states – have alleged state regulators failed to do their jobs. It simply is not the case. Leaders from the regulatory community today announced an 11-point plan to build our knowledge about lead in flint, better protect the community and restore public confidence in the regulatory framework.

Over the past year, the city has completed lead and copper testing required by law. Lead is a real concern, particularly in children. State and federal regulators run programs to monitor lead in drinking water and in kids’ blood levels specifically to track lead impacts on our communities.

It is important to remember lead comes from many sources, particularly in the state’s urban and industrial areas. It is in soils, deposited for decades by leaded fuel and industrial processes. It is paint, in homes built in the mid-1970s or earlier. And it is common in the plumbing and service connections of older homes, which is why the DEQ requires community water sources around the state to track and record it and take steps when levels surpass federal action thresholds.

Flint’s drinking water passed its lead and copper test. However, testing done by non-regulatory entities produced a different picture, creating confusion and concern – for residents of Flint as well as city, state and federal regulators.

The lead in question does not come from the Flint River. The water leaving the drinking water plant is clean and safe. The water traveling through the distribution system also is free of lead. The lead issues happen when the water reaches homes that have lead service lines or lead plumbing. This is important to know for two reasons: One, because the contamination happens at the homeowner level, it is very difficult to track precisely. And, the longer water sits in lead pipes, the more lead it takes on, so homes on the same block might have very different results from lead testing, based on what kind of plumbing they have and how homeowners use their water.

The City’s efforts to test for lead involve sending water sampling kits to homeowners and relying on them to participate and follow the sampling instructions, and that has been a long-standing challenge in Flint. This year, the City sent out 200 bottles in January and got 60 samples back by June. Regulators must operate on the knowledge available, and we only know what the customers let us know by participating in the City’s testing.

However, a recent announcement by local doctors that blood lead levels are rising in children residing in Flint's most at-risk zip codes added enough to the state's knowledge to spark some unusual precautionary measures. Experts are still working the data to determine exactly what it means, but the state takes lead seriously. Leaders have put forth an 11-point plan with short-term and long-term actions that will bolster our knowledge of the situation and provide a more accurate assessment of the threat level.

In the near term, the state will move immediately to provide free lead water filters for Flint water customers. We will test the drinking water at Flint schools. We will provide bottled water and formula to Flint mothers at risk. The system will be optimized for corrosion controls by the end of the month. These precautions will help protect the community while the state takes a deeper look at the drinking water system, the last round of test results and the testing protocols.

Flint residents should understand the state has been focused on Flint's water and Flint's kids for decades, but state leaders cannot make knee-jerk decisions based on unchecked allegations in the media. We have the responsibility to check facts and make decisions carefully, using the knowledge we have available to direct public resources.

Community participation plays a key role in our success. Residents who receive a testing kit from the City should recognize that this is an important opportunity to learn about their lead exposure while helping the city better track the quality of the water they provide. Residents with lead concerns should request a free home test from the city. Parents of young kids should take advantage of free blood lead level testing at the local community health department.

The plan set forth by the state speaks to a coordinated partnership among city, state and federal leaders. With community involvement, Flint's residents can be assured of more accurate and effective protection from lead exposure.

*Learn more at [Michigan.gov/FlintDrinkingWater](http://Michigan.gov/FlintDrinkingWater)*

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
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First cut at the Free Press rebuttal editorial. Please review and advise.  
Phone conversations preferable.  
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# A new way forward in Flint

State regulatory leaders were disappointed by recent Free Press editorials mischaracterizing Lansing's oversight of the City of Flint's drinking water system. The paper's portrayal of the state as uncaring about drinking water quality and the community's exposure to lead are simply off the mark.

State and federal regulators run programs to monitor lead in drinking water and in kids' blood levels specifically to track lead impacts on our communities. Lead is a real concern, particularly in children, and we take our responsibility seriously.

But it is important to remember that lead is all around us. It is in soils, deposited for decades by leaded fuel and industrial processes. It is paint, in homes built in the mid-1970s or earlier. And it is unfortunately common in the plumbing and service connections of older homes, which is why the DEQ requires community water sources around the state to track and record it and take steps when levels surpass federal action thresholds.

Let's be clear: The Flint River is not contributing lead. The water leaving the drinking water plant is clean and safe. The water traveling through the distribution system also is free of lead. The lead issues are the result of water in homes that have lead service lines or lead plumbing. And because the contamination factor is at the homeowner level, it is difficult to track or assess with the kind of specificity customers would like to think regulators have. Two homes on the same block might have very different results from lead testing, based on what kind of plumbing they have and how homeowners use their water.

Moreover, the City's efforts to test for lead involve sending water sampling kits to homeowners and relying on them to participate and follow the sampling instructions, and that has been a long-standing challenge in Flint. This year, the City sent out 200 bottles in January and got 60 samples back by June. We must operate on the best knowledge we have available, and we only know what the customers let us know by participating in the City's testing.

Emerging data from local doctors, however, added to our knowledge enough to spark some unusual precautionary actions. They reported to the media that blood lead levels in Flint kids at their offices are up this year. It's still early to know exactly what that means, but because lead is a serious threat to children's development, we have decided to take some short-term precautionary measures and do more to learn exactly what is happening in the city.

The state today joined with local and federal authorities to present an 11-step action plan designed to produce a clearer picture of lead in the community's water, offer immediate protection for its kids and families with corrosion control and free lead water

filters, review and audit testing protocols, and immediately assess the schools to reassure parents their kids are not exposed to lead at the drinking fountains.

Critics in the community and at the Free Press have said we have been slow to respond to Flint's drinking water concerns. The truth is that local, state and federal authorities have been paying very close attention to Flint's drinking water all along, but we have the responsibility to check facts and use the knowledge we have to develop responsible, meaningful strategies that will help everyone clearly understand the real risk level and take appropriate actions.

We will be transparent with all we are doing and everything we determine. But Flint residents should also recognize our ultimate success depends on their help. Residents with lead concerns should have their home water tested – customers of Flint water can request it for free. Parents of younger kids should have their children get free blood lead level testing at the local community health department. Residents who receive a testing kit from the City should recognize that this is an important opportunity to learn about their lead exposure while helping the city better track the quality of the water they provide.

We are committed to doing all we can to protect drinking water and public health, in Flint and the rest of Michigan. Possibly the most difficult crisis to address in Flint right now is a crisis of public confidence. The plan set forth today should send the strong signal that residents can be assured the city, state and federal regulators are accountable, forthright and working hard to protect them. It is the community's responsibility to take the steps available to them as well. Ensuring public health is a public service, but the public can play a key role.

*Learn more at [Michigan.gov/FlintDrinkingWater](http://Michigan.gov/FlintDrinkingWater)*

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**From:** Maloney, Damon <damon.maloney@abc12.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:23 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint Water

Thank you for your help today- appreciate your hospitality.

Wanted to ask if a press conference is scheduled for tomorrow in any shape or manner dealing with Flint Water and the Future.

Thanks,  
Damon

Damon Maloney  
abc12 News  
Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:26 AM  
**To:** 'Maloney, Damon'; Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Flint Water

We're always glad to help, Damon - that's what we're here for. Please just reach out in advance in the future.

Stay tuned - as governor and team have noted, our administration has dedicated a lot of time and resources to work collaboratively on this issue as well as see what additional action items we can do and help with. We were hoping to have that wrapped up by week's end. As details get finalized, I know folks will be in touch.

More soon,  
SW

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**Subject:** Comms. Update Mtg. re: Flint Water Plan  
**Location:** Great Lakes Conference Room, 6th floor, South Tower, Constitution Hall

**Start:** Thu 10/1/2015 12:30 PM  
**End:** Thu 10/1/2015 1:15 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)  
**Required Attendees:** Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Paciorek, Josh (GOV)  
**Optional Attendees:** Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)


Pizza will be provided.

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**From:** Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 4:15 PM  
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**Subject:** media advisory  
**Attachments:** 151001. Media advisory.docx  
**Importance:** High

Here's the media advisory we're ready to ship out. We're planning to send to our entire list. Would you like to send to your lists as well?

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Oct. 1, 2015

## **Michigan leaders to announce action plan for Flint drinking water**

**Friday, Oct. 2 at 1:30 p.m.**

Local, state and federal leaders will host a press conference to announce a comprehensive action plan for addressing drinking water concerns in Flint. Participants will include:

- Harvey Hollins, Director of the Office of Urban Initiatives for Gov. Rick Snyder
- Dan Wyant, Director for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Nick Lyon, Director for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Dr. Eden Wells, Chief Medical Executive for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Dayne Walling, Mayor of Flint
- Other local, state and federal officials

Location:

Kettering University, Innovation Center

1300 Bluff St.

Flint, MI 48504

**This is a media event open to credentialed news media only. Media who plan to attend this event should RSVP by noon Friday.** Contact Rosemarie Olszewski at 517-284-6700 or [olszewskir@michigan.gov](mailto:olszewskir@michigan.gov).

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**From:** Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 4:28 PM  
**To:** Pallone, Maggie (DEQ); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ); Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Paciorek, Josh (GOV); Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS)  
**Subject:** talking points  
**Attachments:** 151001. Talking points.docx

Here's the talking points we've been working from. Feel free to add DHHS' info.

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# Flint Drinking Water Action Plan

## Talking Points

### Overall Messaging

- Repeated testing shows the water leaving Flint's drinking water system is safe to drink and meets all federal guidelines, including lead.
- After the switch to the Flint River, the compliance testing protocol yielded results of 6 ppb in December 2014 and 11 ppb in June 2015. Both results were below the federal action level of 15 ppb.
- However, we recognize some residents experience higher levels of lead in the water that comes out of their faucets because of lead plumbing in the home, and that's a concern.
- Out of an abundance of caution, we want to address the needs of all Flint families, and so we have developed an action plan that includes both short- and long-term solutions.
- The state plan focuses on increasing water testing, offering additional precautions for families, and providing long-term solutions to address the city's water infrastructure.

### Messaging regarding the action plan

The city and the state are working together to gather more data to ensure the water that leaves the treatment plant as well as the water that arrives in Flint homes is safe for all residents.

- **Immediately test Flint public schools to ensure that drinking water is safe. Testing will also be available at no cost to any other school in Flint.**
  - Although Flint's drinking water meets all federal requirements, the state wants to take extra steps to ensure that drinking water is safe for the city's children.
  - The state will fund this testing (about \$30,000) at no cost to the city or the local schools, and make the results publicly available.
- **Expand health exposure testing of individual residences.**
  - To double-check its data as well as provide residents with an additional layer of assurance, the DEQ will conduct more tests at Flint properties.
  - The Technical Advisory Committee will determine the scope of this expanded testing.
- **Offer water testing at no cost to Flint residents to assure water is safe.**
  - Although all testing indicates water in the city of Flint meets all federal standards, we understand some residents are concerned.
  - To ensure water in individual homes is safe, free water testing is available to all Flint residents.
  - We encourage anyone with a concern to get their water tested.
  - Contact the city water department to have your water tested.
- **Begin optimizing corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.**

- A fully optimized corrosion control system can help coat the inside of pipes to minimize the amount of lead that enters the drinking water after it leaves the treatment plant.
- This is a helpful step that can help minimize lead system-wide, and we're pleased the city is moving to take this step.
- If asked: This was not initially required because a fully optimized corrosion control system is not federally required in many water systems. Even today, since Flint is meeting all federal standards, this fully optimized system is not required. However, to address public concerns and ensure every possible precaution is taken, the city is moving forward with installing this corrosion control system.
- **Convene a "Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee" to ensure the best technology, practices and science are being utilized, and add an expert from the EPA's Office of Research and Development to the group.**
  - The Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee will meet Oct. 7 to discuss fully optimizing the corrosion control system, expanding testing of at-risk properties, and other topics.
  - Tom Burke, the Deputy Assistant Administrator of EPA's Office of Research and Development as well as the EPA's Science Advisor, will participate on the committee. Prior to joining EPA, he held prominent positions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and founded the Johns Hopkins Risk Sciences and Public Policy Institute. He brings substantial expertise, and we're pleased he is able to join the committee.
- **Accelerate water system improvements to address replacement of lead service lines.**
  - Regardless of the drinking water source – whether it be DWSD, the Flint River or Lake Huron – the only permanent fix for lead is to replace all 18,000 of the private lead service lines in the city. These are the lines on private property that lead from the curb to individual homes.
  - This is a problem in communities statewide, and one we want to address with a long-term solution.
  - The state and EPA are working together to find a way for the city to access Drinking Water Revolving Loan funds for the work.
- **Expedite completion of Karegnondi Water Authority.**
  - The move to the Flint River was always a temporary measure until the connection to the KWA and to Lake Huron was completed.
  - This is the ultimate goal of the venture, and the state and locals will work together to speed up completion of the connection.
- **Governor Snyder names Dr. Eden Wells as Flint Drinking Water Public Health Advisor.**
  - Dr. Wells is the Director for the Preventive Medicine Residency at the University of Michigan School of Public Health in Ann Arbor as well as the Chief Medical Executive for MDHHS.

- She brings years of experience in epidemiology and preventative medicine to the issue, and we're thrilled to have her expertise.
- Dr. Wells will coordinate with Hurley Medical Center to share data on blood lead levels in children, as well as address other emerging issues.
- **Provide water filters to residents of Flint.**
  - As an additional precaution, water filters will be available to low-income families.
  - This provides another safeguard to ensure everyone in the city of Flint has access to clean drinking water that they feel confident drinking.
- **Expand a comprehensive lead education initiative.**
  - Lead plumbing is common in homes built prior to 1986, and anyone in the state with lead pipes in their home can take some extra precautions to minimize lead in their drinking water.
  - It takes time for lead to accumulate in drinking water from plumbing, and so flushing your pipes prior to using them can minimize your exposure.
    - To flush your pipes, run the water until it's as cold as it will go. This can take as little as 5 to 30 seconds if you have recently flushed the toilet or otherwise used water in your home, or as long as 2 to 5 minutes if you have not used any water in hours.
    - In the city of Flint, running the water for 5 minutes only costs about 3-16 cents, depending on your faucet.
  - Additionally, more lead gets into hot water than cold water. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula.



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**Subject:** news release  
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Here's the news release. Please send me any changes.

We're hoping to get a quote from Nick, as well as contact info on how people can get a water filter.

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Oct. 2, 2015

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Angela Minicuci

## **Michigan leaders announce action plan for Flint drinking water**

Local, state and federal leaders today announced a comprehensive action plan for drinking water in Flint, designed to address both the short- and long-term needs of residents.

The action plan focuses on increasing water testing, offering additional precautions for families with lead plumbing in their homes, and providing long-term solutions to address the city's water infrastructure.

"We are deeply concerned by the lead results we are seeing in parts of Flint," Snyder said. "Although we know the water leaving Flint's drinking water system is safe to drink, some families with lead plumbing on their property experience higher levels of lead in the water that comes out of their faucets. We are concerned for those families, and we created this action plan to address their immediate needs as well as the long-term needs of all Flint residents."

The city and the state also are working together to gather more data to ensure the water that leaves the treatment plant as well as the water that arrives in Flint homes is safe for all residents. The plan includes:

- Immediately test Flint public schools to ensure that drinking water is safe. Testing also will be available at no cost to any other school in Flint.
- Expand health exposure testing of individual residences.
- Offer water testing at no cost to Flint residents to assure water is safe.
- Begin optimizing corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.

- Convene a “Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee” to ensure the best technology, practices and science are being utilized, and add an expert from the EPA’s Office of Research and Development to the group.
- Accelerate water system improvements to address replacement of lead service lines.
- Expedite completion of Karegnondi Water Authority.
- Gov. Rick Snyder names Dr. Eden Wells as the Flint Drinking Water Public Health Advisor.
- Provide water filters to residents of Flint.
- Expand a comprehensive lead education initiative.

Local, state and federal leaders announced the plan at a press conference today at Kettering University’s Innovation Center in Flint. Participants included:

- Harvey Hollins, Director of Snyder’s Office of Urban Initiatives
- Dan Wyant, Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Nick Lyon, Director for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Dr. Eden Wells, Flint Drinking Water Public Health Adviser
- Dayne Walling, Mayor of Flint

“This action plan offers concrete steps we will take in a local, state and federal partnership to ensure all Flint residents have safe water to drink,” Wyant said. “The DEQ will work closely with the city to gather further data to ensure the water that leaves Flint’s system as well as the water that arrives in Flint homes is safe to drink.”

To have your water tested, call 810-787-6537 and press 1, or email [flintwater@cityofflint.com](mailto:flintwater@cityofflint.com). For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/flintwater](http://www.michigan.gov/flintwater).

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**Cc:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)  
**Subject:** run of show  
**Attachments:** 151001. Press conference script.docx

Here's the run of show as it stands. Did you want to add Nick's comments or change anything else on it? I'm not sure how much he works from prepared remarks.

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### On stage

Dan Wyant

Harvey Hollins

Nick Lyon

Dr. Eden Wells

Dayne Walling

### Harvey Hollins

- Thank you all for being here today. I'm Harvey Hollins, Director of the Office of Urban Initiatives for Gov. Rick Snyder.
- We're here as representatives of local, state and federal government to talk about ensuring safe drinking water for everyone in Flint. We have with us today:
  - Nick Lyon, Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
  - Dr. Eden Wells, Chief Medical Executive for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
  - Dayne Walling, mayor of Flint
  - And Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Dan?

### Dan Wyant

- Thank you, Harvey. And thank you all for being here today.
- We know many residents are concerned about their health and the health of their children. We understand many have lost confidence in the drinking water system, and we need to build that back up. And we recognize we need to do more.
- We have an action plan to announce today that will address both the short- and long-term issues.
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- Now, I want to turn the mic over to my colleague Nick Lyon to discuss some of these plans in more detail.

### Nick Lyon

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### Dr. Eden Wells

Discuss Hurley's data, concern about blood lead levels

### Harvey Hollins

Bring up mayor

### Dayne Walling

Talk about advisories issued, free water testing available, next meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

### Q&A

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# Flint Drinking Water

## Media Q&A

### **Is the city going back to DWSD?**

That's something we're leaving open. It's certainly an option, but there are no moves at this time to do so. If it becomes something city leadership is interested in doing, the state is willing to act as a facilitator between Flint and DWSD to help come to conclusion that's best for the residents of Flint.

### **How did the state not see or fix this problem sooner?**

Right now, we're focusing on addressing the problem at hand. Every household in the city of Flint is going to receive a water filter. The Flint Water Treatment Plant is going to fully optimize its corrosion controls by Nov. 1. And we're going to accelerate water system improvements to address the replacement of lead service lines.

In the long term, we will work with the U.S. EPA to look at water testing protocol.

### **Is the water safe?**

The water leaving the Flint Water Treatment Plant is safe to drink and meets federal guidelines for lead. However, we recognize some residents experience higher levels of lead in the water that comes out of their faucets because of lead plumbing in the home. We will expand water testing to better determine which areas have a problem; however, in the meantime, every home will receive a filter to ensure their drinking water is safe.

### **Does this mean Marc Edwards was right?**

We aren't familiar with his testing protocol and have not seen his data. All we know is the state's data and the data Hurley Medical Center provided indicate a need to take action.

### **Why didn't you require corrosion controls from day one?**

When the city switched water sources, they did begin using lime softening as a corrosion control. DWSD used phosphates, which is another form of corrosion control, but far from the only one. Flint was within federal protocols when it chose to use lime, and this is consistent with what every other community was required to do.

With more data in hand, the city can now work to optimize their corrosion control system, and has pledged to do so by Nov. 1.

### **How do you feel about the state and federal testing protocols now that you know there was a problem?**

We're going to be taking a look at that, because what weren't seeing is concerning. But in the meantime, we're going to...

Why are you requiring optimization now?

What will you do if the schools you are testing come back with lead?

Is the Governor going to give the city the \$30 million it asked for? Or the \$13 million state Sen. Ananich wants to include in the budget?

Why did the Governor and the state ignore city residents who have been saying there's a problem for six months?

Why did the Governor hide the fact that he was involved in distributing filters previously?

Will you meet with Marc Edwards?

Do you trust the city's data?

Why did the Governor allow the city to switch away from DWSD initially?

Has the city/Governor put residents at risk?

What will the state do about my children? Lead poisoning causes irreversible damage.

Is lead just a problem in Flint?

Why isn't the Governor here today?

Does the Flint River have lead? Is it more corrosive than the water from DWSD?

If the lead is in individual homes' plumbing, how long will it take to fix this problem? Will the move to KWA fix it, or will we still see lead?

Will testing start over when we move to KWA?

Why aren't Kildee and Ananich here?

How much are we paying all these new consultants – Dr. Wells and the EPA expert?

Did the DEQ provide any advice to the emergency manager about the switch from DWSD?

How long has lead been a problem in Flint? If the problem is in people's home, does that mean they have always been poisoned by this?

Why aren't you declaring a state of emergency?

Why aren't you providing bottled water?

How long does it take for the system to be fully optimized once the corrosion control treatment begins?

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**Subject:** Revised am media plan  
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All –

Per some of the latest developments and issues and conversation with Governor earlier today, this is what am now proposing for Flint water media time tomorrow. Please let me know if any issues or concerns ASAP.

11 to 11:10 – pre-brief with Gov., Dan Wyant, Nick Lyon, and Dr. Eden Wells and staff (last minute issues, review flow, messaging).

11:15 – 11:40 a.m. – media conference (with EMBARGOED info until 1:30 p.m.) call with following media targets:

- Flint Journal/MLive – Ron Fonger
- Reporters from each of three TV stations: WJRT TV 12, WNEM TV 5 and WEYI TV 25
- WFNT Radio - Jason Cooper
- MI Radio – Steve Carmody
- Associated Press – Ed White
- Detroit News – Jim Lynch
- Detroit Free Press – Nancy Kaffer/Kristy Tanner

**NOTE:** Combining with DFP and other reporters given some of the local announcements today and the fact that the Governor wanted our Cabinet team participating on the phone too. That way everyone hears everything the same way at the same time.

11:45 to 11:55 a.m. – WJR Frank Beckmann Show - wrap up show/guest

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Looks good to me.

My only question: We're trying to keep the language on the action plan steps consistent across our documents. I like some of the changes you've made. Can we incorporate that new language into the graphic Josh is putting together?

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This has also been sent to Rosemarie's e-mail address--

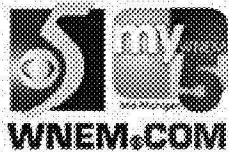
WNEM TV5 in Saginaw, Michigan plans to send a reporter/photographer crew to the media event being held on Friday, October 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Kettering University Innovation Center. This is a presser announcing an action plan for drinking water concerns in Flint.

To confirm that you have received our RSVP, or if you need further information from us, please contact TV5 by calling 989-758-2044, or e-mail us at [wnem@wnem.com](mailto:wnem@wnem.com).

Thank you.

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Thanks -- the G has RDS Time for an hour starting at 7:30PM our time so we'll need to get the briefing out in an hour. I'm still new at this so I'll need a few minutes to compile but I think I'm in okay shape. Just an FYI for both of you

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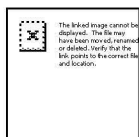
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Per some of the latest developments and issues and conversation with Governor earlier today, this is what am now proposing for Flint water media time tomorrow. Please let me know if any issues or concerns ASAP.

11 to 11:10 – pre-brief with Gov., Dan Wyant, Nick Lyon, and Dr. Eden Wells and staff (last minute issues, review flow, messaging).

11:15 – 11:40 a.m. – media conference (with EMBARGOED info until 1:30 p.m.) call with following media targets:

Flint Journal/MLive – Ron Fonger  
Reporters from each of three TV stations: WJRT TV 12, WNEM TV 5 and WEYI TV 25  
WFNT Radio - Jason Cooper  
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Associated Press – Ed White  
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**NOTE:** Combining with DFP and other reporters given some of the local announcements today and the fact that the Governor wanted our Cabinet team participating on the phone too. That way everyone hears everything the same way at the same time.

11:45 to 11:55 a.m. – WJR Frank Beckmann Show - wrap up show/guest

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# **Flint Drinking Water**

## **Media Q&A**

### **Is the city going back to DWSD?**

That's something we're leaving open. It's an option, but there are no moves at this time to do so. If it becomes something city leadership is interested in doing, the state is willing to act as a facilitator between Flint and DWSD to help come to conclusion that's best for the residents of Flint.

### **How did the state not see or fix this problem sooner?**

Right now, we're focusing on addressing the problem at hand. Every household in the city of Flint is going to be eligible to receive a water filter. The Flint Water Treatment Plant is going to fully optimize its corrosion controls by Nov. 1. And we're going to accelerate water system improvements to address the replacement of lead service lines.

In the long term, we will work with the U.S. EPA to look at water testing protocol.

### **Is the water safe?**

The water leaving the Flint Water Treatment Plant is safe to drink and meets federal guidelines for lead. However, we recognize some residents experience higher levels of lead in the water that comes out of their faucets because of lead service lines or lead plumbing in the home. We will expand water testing to better determine which areas have a problem; however, in the meantime, every home will receive a filter to ensure their drinking water is safe.

### **Does this mean Marc Edwards was right?**

We aren't familiar with his testing protocol and have not seen his data. All we know is the state's data and the data Hurley Medical Center provided indicate a need to take precautionary action.

### **Why didn't you require corrosion controls from day one?**

When the city switched water sources, they did begin using lime softening as a corrosion control. DWSD used phosphates, which is another form of corrosion control, but far from the only one. Flint was within federal protocols when it chose to use lime, and this is consistent with what every other community was required to do. The city will now use the past year's water test results to inform a final, or 'optimized' corrosion control system, and has pledged to do so by Nov. 1.

### **How do you feel about the state and federal testing protocols now that you know there was a problem?**

DEQ is working in the community to get a better sense of the actual lead threat, and working with EPA to review our testing protocols. Beyond federal statute requirements, our goal is to protect public health. If we determine we need to make changes, we will.

**Why are you requiring corrosion optimization now?**

An optimized corrosion control plan will mean lead service lines and plumbing are coated with a layer of phosphates to minimize lead leaching into water. It won't eliminate the lead issue from the water, but it is expected to minimize it. The sooner the city can begin this treatment, the sooner this added level of protection will be in place.

**What will you do if the schools you are testing come back with lead?**

We will do whatever is necessary to protect the kids in those schools. The action steps announced today should make it clear the state puts the safety of kids and families first.

**Is the Governor going to give the city the \$30 million it asked for? Or the \$13 million state Sen. Ananich wants to include in the budget?**

This is a longer term conversation with the state Legislature. As we develop a clearer picture of Flint's lead exposure levels, it will help inform a conversation about short and long-term needs and priorities.

**Why did the Governor and the state ignore city residents who have been saying there's a problem for six months?**

The state has not ignored this situation. DEQ specialists have been working regularly with Flint officials, in Flint, for the past several years. We've been paying very close attention, but state regulators can't make decisions on allegations. We've been collecting and analyzing data and putting our top departmental minds on this issue. Some new information recently concerns the state enough to take action out of an abundance of caution while we investigate further.

**Why did the Governor hide the fact that he was involved in distributing filters previously?**

The Governor did not hide anything. He's long been a proponent of a "no blame, no credit" approach to leadership. The administration has been meeting regularly with church leaders from Flint, and he listened when many of them expressed that their memberships had serious concerns. His help to acquire the filters wasn't a media stunt, and he didn't feel compelled to claim credit for his role.

**Will you meet with Marc Edwards?**

We are not adverse to the idea. He has been invited to participate in the Mayor's Technical Advisory, and DEQ's staff are on that group, so we anticipate getting to dialogue with him there.

**Do you trust the city's data?**

The city certified its data, as all water system operators do when performing statutorily required lead and copper tests. We are reviewing their data.

**Why did the Governor allow the city to switch away from DWSD initially?**

The city felt compelled to make the switch. At the time, DWSD was forming the Great Lakes Water Authority, and offered Flint a contract when the city announced it would eventually leave to join KWA. The city

**Has the city/Governor put residents at risk?**

We don't think so. We recognize there is tremendous public concern in Flint regarding the water. The system is in compliance with federal lead and copper rules, based on testing. But we are aware that some in Flint are being exposed to higher levels of lead, and we are taking significant precautionary steps to protect the community as we look deeper into the situation.

**What will the state do about my children? Lead poisoning causes irreversible damage.**

Lead poisoning is serious. That is why the state has several programs that screen for lead in our communities and work to educate parents about sources of lead poisoning and ways to avoid it.

**Is lead just a problem in Flint?**

Lead is a long-standing problem throughout Michigan and the country. The leading source of lead poisoning is lead paint, but other pathways include soils contaminated by historic lead from car emissions and industrial processes, and sometimes from lead plumbing and service connections in old homes and neighborhoods. While all these sources are long outlawed, the lead persists in the environment and in homes.

**Why isn't the Governor here today?**

Governor regrets he cannot personally lead this announcement. He is out of state and the leadership of his cabinet on this issue, Nick Lyon and Dan Wyant, are presenting this plan today because the state did not want to wait to announce it is taking action. But the governor was integral in the development of the plan.

**Does the Flint River have lead? Is it more corrosive than the water from DWSD?**

The Flint River does not have lead. The water produced by the drinking water plant does not have lead in it. This issue is strictly about the lead in home plumbing, and that fact makes getting specific data about lead exposure a challenge.

On the issue of corrosivity: the state's drinking water program screens drinking water for 90 different contaminants, but corrosiveness it is not a drinking water standard.

Operators of large systems are required to implement corrosion control measures, and Flint is doing that on a very abbreviated schedule.



**If the lead is in individual homes' plumbing, how long will it take to fix this problem?**

Experts estimate that the process from commencing corrosion control measures to seeing a protective coating develop throughout the system could take up to six months.

**Will the move to KWA fix it, or will we still see lead?**

It is entirely possible. Historic testing of Flint's system showed the presence of lead when the city was using DWSD water, and it is likely that some homes will still see some level of lead exposure after the system is optimized. The only way to eliminate lead completely is to remove lead plumbing.

**Will testing start over when we move to KWA?**

Yes, but the corrosion control measures will not be suspended when the city begins the process again next year. The new water source KWA will supply is the same one the Detroit system uses – Lake Huron.

**Why aren't Kildee and Ananich here?**

Don't know. They were briefed and invited. Today's announcement is a partnership, and we will look to our elected leadership to help protect the people of Flint.

**How much are we paying all these new consultants – Dr. Wells and the EPA expert?**

Dr. Wells is the state's Chief Medical Officer. Her new role in Flint is part of her duties to the state. The EPA expert similarly is participating as part of his job (SOMEBODY TELL ME IF THIS IS ACCURATE).

**Did the DEQ provide any advice to the emergency manager about the switch from DWSD?**

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Lead is a historic problem, particularly in urban areas, around the nation. While the leading source of lead ingestion has always been paint, lead plumbing has always been some lesser part of the picture. This is why the U.S. EPA created the lead rule – to monitor drinking water systems and raise awareness about lead in home plumbing, and require systems to take steps to minimize lead exposure.

**Why aren't you declaring a state of emergency?**

The action plan announced today takes significant steps to protect the community while state experts take a closer look at the situation. Available information is concerning enough to spark precautionary protective actions, but there is insufficient hard data yet available to declare an emergency.

**Why aren't you providing bottled water?**

Distributing lead filters throughout the city will address lead exposure in drinking water while the state continues its investigation.

**How long does it take for the system to be fully optimized once the corrosion control treatment begins?**

Approximately six months. The state will direct the city to test the system again early next year to check its progress. Any resident approached to participate in the testing is strongly encouraged to participate. Not only does the opportunity offer a free home lead test, but the results help city and state regulators get a more accurate picture of what is happening. Resident participation is crucial to the success of this program, and participation in Flint has historically been a challenge.

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The action plan focuses on increasing water testing, offering additional precautions for families with lead plumbing in their homes, and providing long-term solutions to address the city's water infrastructure challenges. The plan was created at Snyder's direction by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the City of Flint.

"People are worried about their health and their families, and they need to have accurate information and know that help is available," Snyder said. "Today's action plan builds upon ongoing work with state and federal agencies and our partnership with city and community leaders. Together, we are working to ensure that all Flint residents can feel safe and address potential problems."

The city and the state also are working together to gather more data to ensure the water that leaves the treatment plant as well as the water that arrives in Flint homes is safe for all residents. The plan includes:

- Testing in Flint public schools immediately to ensure that drinking water is safe, with testing also available at no cost to any other school in Flint.
- Expanding health exposure testing of individual homes.

- Offering free water testing to Flint residents to assure their drinking water is safe.
- Accelerating an optimization of corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.
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- Accelerating water system improvements to address replacing lead service lines.
- Naming Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, as the Flint drinking water public health adviser.
- Providing water filters to residents with concerns or who are included in state assistance programs.
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Residents can have their water tested by calling 810-787-6537 and pressing 1, or emailing [flintwater@cityofflint.com](mailto:flintwater@cityofflint.com). Additional information is available at [www.michigan.gov/flintwater](http://www.michigan.gov/flintwater).

State leaders have been working closely with state and federal lawmakers to tap resources at all levels of government to address concerns.

State health experts said there has been an increase in elevated childhood blood lead levels in some specific communities. Initial analysis of MDHHS data found that blood lead levels of children in Flint have followed an expected seasonal trend. While this analysis for Flint as a whole remains true, a comprehensive and detailed review breaking down data by ZIP codes with the city revealed that MDHHS data is consistent with a study presented recently by Hurley Children's Hospital.

"While we cannot conclusively say that the water source change is the sole cause of the increase, this analysis supports our efforts as we take active steps to reduce all potential lead exposures in Flint," MDHHS Director Nick Lyon said. "As part of this, we are working closely with our public and private partners to provide Flint residents on MDHHS assistance programs with water filters and educate families about the steps they can take to reduce all lead exposures in their home."

As a part of the action plan, MDHHS is making National Sanitation Foundation certified water filters available to clients who are active Family Independence Program, Food Assistance Program, Child Development and Care or Social Security Insurance recipients.

"This action plan offers concrete steps we will take in a local, state and federal partnership to ensure all Flint residents have safe water to drink," DEQ Director Dan Wyant said. "The DEQ will work closely with the city to gather further data to ensure the water that leaves Flint's system as well as the water that arrives in Flint homes is safe to drink."

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**Cc:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Friday Press Conference  
  
**Importance:** High

That's absolutely right, Damon.

You and the station should have gotten a media advisory from the DEQ and DHHS teams. A cut and paste version is below just in case. This event is for media only.

Also, for your planning purposes only, we're looking at hosting a conference call with the Governor to walk through some highlights on a fully EMBARGOED (all hold and not reported/aired until the press conference begins) basis. Please let me know if that's workable and WJRT agrees to that. And if so, who would be representing the station.

Oct. 1, 2015

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- Dayne Walling, Mayor of Flint
- Other local, state and federal officials

Location:

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**Subject:** RE: PLEASE review: Draft MLive guest column

I think you will want to modify the filter language to now reflect the fact that filters will be provided to all Flint residents and not just assistance program folks with the \$1 million Dan and Nick will be announcing.

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**Subject:** PLEASE review: Draft MLive guest column

Team, this is a draft guest column for MLive, building on the draft that Brad wrote – but with changes to focus on the action plan. I tried a more people-centered approach, thinking that the audience here is the residents. It's less defensive. It's also shorter. Please let me know if we need to make any changes, or if we are missing information you think should be in there.

Dave

By Nick Lyon and Dan Wyant

People in Flint – and all of Michigan – need to know that that then they turn on the faucet, the water they drink and bathe their children with, is safe and clean.

Flint residents have been hearing concerning news about the municipal water supply for more than a year. We're working to help Flint leaders address and fix short- and long-term problems with the city's water infrastructure.

A recent announcement by local doctors that blood lead levels are rising in children residing in Flint's most at-risk ZIP codes added to the state's knowledge and sparked some additional precautionary measures.

Experts are still working the data to determine exactly what it means, but the state takes lead seriously.

State agencies also are working in collaboration with the federal and Flint leaders to get residents accurate information to ease their fears.

Gov. Rick Snyder directed the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health and Human Services to work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to create a comprehensive action plan to build our knowledge about lead in Flint, better protect the community and restore public confidence in the regulatory framework.

We're testing the water in all of our schools so we know that our children are safe.

We're testing residences at no charge and expanding health exposure testing so families can be confident about the water coming into their homes.

We're providing faucet filters to people who are in state assistance programs.

We're accelerating corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.

We're increasing the pace of water system improvements to address replacing lead service lines.

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We're expanding the Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee to ensure the best technology, practices and science are being followed by adding an expert from the U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development.

The DHHS's chief medical executive, Dr. Eden Wells, has been designated Flint's drinking water public health adviser.

We're also boosting a comprehensive lead education program to make sure residents have detailed information about how to protect themselves and their homes.

That's key, because the lead in question does not come from the Flint River. The water leaving the drinking water plant is clean and safe. The water traveling through the distribution system also is free of lead.

The lead issues happen when the water reaches homes that have lead service lines or lead plumbing. This is important to know for two reasons: Contamination happens at the homeowner level, it is very difficult to track precisely.

And, the longer water sits in lead pipes, the more lead it takes on, so homes on the same block might have very different results from lead testing, based on what kind of plumbing they have and how homeowners use their water.

All of the measures in the action plan build on efforts that have been underway for the last year. State agencies have been working with the city on a variety of issues and approaches to correct Flint's water infrastructure challenges.

That's because the health and safety of Flint residents – and people across our state – is our first priority.

*More information about the action plan and lead is available at [Michigan.gov/FlintDrinkingWater](http://Michigan.gov/FlintDrinkingWater). People interested in getting their homes tested for free should call (810) 787-653, then press 1.*

*Nick Lyon is the director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Dan Wyant is the director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.*

**Dave Murray**

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**From:** Zacharek, Dan <DZacharek@wxyz.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 9:44 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** WXYZ-TV

Hi Sara and David,

Hope you are well. Checking to see if someone can please send me the info on today's 11:30am teleconference call about the Flint water situation.

Thank you.

Dan Z.

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**Subject:** Updated Flint Talking Points  
**Attachments:** Flint Water Talking Points 100215.docx

Please see the section on water filters -- updated to reflect most current information.

Thank you,  
Jennifer



## Blood Lead Levels in Flint Talking Points

October 1, 2015

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- Initial analysis of MDHHS data found that blood lead levels (BLLs) of children in Flint have followed an expected seasonal trend; due to small numbers further analysis was initiated.
- While this analysis of blood lead levels in Flint as a whole remains true, after a comprehensive and detailed review down to the zip code level, we have found that the state analysis is consistent with that presented by Hurley.
- Director Lyon is working closely with DEQ and the administration to take active steps to reduce all potential lead exposures in Flint, and across the state.
- Our Chief Medical Executive has been in communication with the lead investigator at Hurley Children's Hospital, and we continue to work with Hurley, the city of Flint, local and state leaders to verify and analyze data trends.
- Zip code-level data does show that there has been an increase in elevated childhood blood lead levels in specific communities.
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  - There is an increased proportion of children with elevated Blood Levels (ELBs) in several zip codes, particularly 03 and 04. These appear to have increased over the last 1.5 years.
  - Lead exposure can occur from a number of different sources (such as paint, gasoline, solder, and consumer products) and through different pathways (such as air, food, water, dust, and soil).
  - Although there are several exposure sources, lead-based paint is still the most widespread and dangerous high-dose source of lead exposure for young children in the US and Michigan.
- We reviewed MDHHS statewide data using the same methodology used by Hurley, looking at our numbers by zip code and age ranges, and filtering out non-Flint children.
- Routine surveillance of blood lead levels does not analyze data down to the zip code level. Detailed analysis like this occurs when there is reason to focus in on precise locations or populations.
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- We understand that cost may be a barrier to following the recommendations of the local health department. We are actively working with public and private partners to make resources available to those who may need assistance.
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- Other Zip codes in Flint
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### *Water Filters*

- Our first action item is to work closely with our public and private partners to provide water filters to Flint residents and MDHHS clients.
- To meet this priority, the governor has identified one million dollars in state funding to purchase water filters for Flint residents.
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- MDHHS currently serves approximately 25,000 households in Flint but we would anticipate processing approximately 5,000 requests for vouchers a week.

### *Reducing and Removing Lead Exposure*

- In housing built before 1978, it can be assumed that the paint has lead unless tests show otherwise.

- Make sure your child does not have access to peeling paint or chewable surfaces painted with lead-based paint.
- Children and pregnant women should not be present in housing built before 1978 that is undergoing renovation. They should not participate in activities that disturb old paint or in cleaning up paint debris after work is completed.
- Create barriers between living/play areas and lead sources. Until environmental clean-up is completed, you should clean and isolate all sources of lead.
  - Close and lock doors to keep children away from chipping or peeling paint on walls. You can also apply temporary barriers such as contact paper or duct tape, to cover holes in walls or to block children's access to other sources of lead.
- Regularly wash children's hands and toys. Hands and toys can become contaminated from household dust or exterior soil. Both are known lead sources.
- Regularly wet-mop floors and wet-wipe window components. Because household dust is a major source of lead, you should wet-mop floors and wet-wipe horizontal surfaces every 2-3 weeks.
  - Windowsills and wells can contain high levels of leaded dust. They should be kept clean. If feasible, windows should be shut to prevent abrasion of painted surfaces or opened from the top sash.
- Take off shoes when entering the house to prevent bringing lead-contaminated soil in from outside.
- Prevent children from playing in bare soil; if possible, provide them with sandboxes. Plant grass on areas of bare soil or cover the soil with grass seed, mulch, or wood chips, if possible.
  - Until the bare soil is covered, move play areas away from bare soil and away from the sides of the house. If you have a sandbox, cover the box when not in use to prevent cats from using it as a litter box. That will help protect children from exposure to animal waste.
- Avoid using makeup, containers, cookware, or tableware to store or cook foods or liquids that are not shown to be lead free.
- Remove recalled toys and toy jewelry immediately from children.
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- Shower and change clothes after finishing a task that involves working with lead-based products such as stained glass, making bullets, or using a firing range.

#### *WIC Children*

- There are 855 infants participating in WIC in Flint.
- We are working with partners at the United Way to ensure that WIC families have access to water filters and bottled water.

- In homes with infants on WIC, if the household has documentation from an official source of unsanitary water supply issues, that family may be eligible to receive ready-to-feed formula. Families should contact WIC to see if they are eligible.
- Each household would have to be looked at on an individual basis.
- WIC cannot cover bottled water.

#### *Background*

- The results of the Hurley Children's Hospital were reviewed by MDHHS after the study was released last week.
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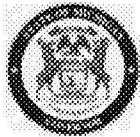
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**Subject:** PLEASE review: Draft MLive guest column

Team, this is a draft guest column for MLive, building on the draft that Brad wrote – but with changes to focus on the action plan. I tried a more people-centered approach, thinking that the audience here is the residents. It's less defensive. It's also shorter. Please let me know if we need to make any changes, or if we are missing information you think should be in there.

Dave

By Nick Lyon and Dan Wyant

People in Flint – and all of Michigan – need to know that that then they turn on the faucet, the water they drink and bathe their children with, is safe and clean.

Flint residents have been hearing concerning news about the municipal water supply for more than a year. We're working to help Flint leaders address and fix short- and long-term problems with the city's water infrastructure.

A recent announcement by local doctors that blood lead levels are rising in children residing in Flint's most at-risk ZIP codes added to the state's knowledge and sparked some additional precautionary measures.

Experts are still working the data to determine exactly what it means, but the state takes lead seriously.

State agencies also are working in collaboration with the federal and Flint leaders to get residents accurate information to ease their fears.

Gov. Rick Snyder directed the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health and Human Services to work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to create a comprehensive action plan to build our knowledge about lead in Flint, better protect the community and restore public confidence in the regulatory framework.

We're testing the water in all of our schools so we know that our children are safe.

We're testing residences at no charge and expanding health exposure testing so families can be confident about the water coming into their homes.

We're providing faucet filters to people who are in state assistance programs.

We're accelerating corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.

We're increasing the pace of water system improvements to address replacing lead service lines.

We're expediting the completion of the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline.



We're expanding the Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee to ensure the best technology, practices and science are being followed by adding an expert from the U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development.

The DHHS's chief medical executive, Dr. Eden Wells, has been designated Flint's drinking water public health adviser.

We're also boosting a comprehensive lead education program to make sure residents have detailed information about how to protect themselves and their homes.

That's key, because the lead in question does not come from the Flint River. The water leaving the drinking water plant is clean and safe. The water traveling through the distribution system also is free of lead.

The lead issues happen when the water reaches homes that have lead service lines or lead plumbing. This is important to know for two reasons: Contamination happens at the homeowner level, it is very difficult to track precisely.

And, the longer water sits in lead pipes, the more lead it takes on, so homes on the same block might have very different results from lead testing, based on what kind of plumbing they have and how homeowners use their water.

All of the measures in the action plan build on efforts that have been underway for the last year. State agencies have been working with the city on a variety of issues and approaches to correct Flint's water infrastructure challenges.

That's because the health and safety of Flint residents – and people across our state – is our first priority.

*More information about the action plan and lead is available at [Michigan.gov/FlintDrinkingWater](http://Michigan.gov/FlintDrinkingWater). People interested in getting their homes tested for free should call (810) 787-653, then press 1.*

*Nick Lyon is the director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Dan Wyant is the director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.*

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**Attachments:** LYON Flint Water Talking Points 100215.docx; Flint Water Talking Points 100215.docx

Updated talking points -- we've removed mention of vouchers... details still being worked out.

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**To:** Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS)  
**Cc:** Lyon, Nick (DHHS); Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS); Wells, Eden (DHHS)  
**Subject:** Nick's Talking Points

Nancy -- Please have Nick use these!

With the evolving filter situation, the talking points have been updated. Please note that in Nick's talking points, State Disability Assistance (SDA) has been added to the list of programs that will be eligible for filters.

The general talking points have been updated as well.

Thank you,  
Jennifer

## Director Nick Lyon Flint Water Press Conference Talking Points

October 2, 2015

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- In addition to the points raised by DEQ in protecting the health of Flint residents, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services have also begun taking steps to reduce and prevent lead exposure for Flint families.
- Our first action item is to work closely with our public and private partners to provide water filters to Flint residents and our MDHHS clients in Flint.
- To meet this priority, the governor has identified one million dollars in state funding to purchase water filters for Flint residents.
- Additionally, through department emergency funds, we are working to provide National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified water filters to residents who are active Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), State Disability Assistance (SDA) or Social Security Insurance (SSI) recipients.
- We have already begun working with the local United Way to provide filters to residents receiving WIC benefits.
- We are in discussions with local retailers and will share additional information about where residents can go to purchase filters as soon as those details have been finalized.
- Our next step in the state action plan is to educate families about the steps they can take to reduce all lead exposures in their home.
- Lead exposure can occur from a number of different sources such as paint, gasoline, solder, and consumer products and through different pathways such as air, food, water, dust, and soil.
- Although there are several exposure sources, lead-based paint is still the most widespread and dangerous high-dose source of lead exposure for young children in the US and Michigan.
- We will be working to educate all Flint families on steps that they can take to reduce any and all lead exposures in and around their homes.
- And lastly, Gov. Rick Snyder has named Dr. Eden Wells as the Flint Drinking Water Public Health Advisor.
- In addition to the action plan, zip code-level data does show that there has been an increase in elevated childhood blood lead levels in specific communities.
- Initial analysis of MDHHS data found that blood lead levels of children in Flint have followed an expected seasonal trend.
- While this analysis for Flint as a whole remains true, after a comprehensive and detailed review down to the zip code level, MDHHS data state analysis is consistent with that presented by Hurley Children's Hospital.
- We cannot conclusively say that the water source change is the sole cause of the increase, but this analysis supports our efforts as we take active steps to reduce all potential lead exposures in Flint.

- I'd like to now ask Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS Chief Medical Executive and the Flint Drinking Water Public Health Advisor to provide an overview of the data analysis.

## Blood Lead Levels in Flint Talking Points

October 1, 2015

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- Initial analysis of MDHHS data found that blood lead levels (BLLs) of children in Flint have followed an expected seasonal trend; due to small numbers further analysis was initiated.
- While this analysis of blood lead levels in Flint as a whole remains true, after a comprehensive and detailed review down to the zip code level, we have found that the state analysis is consistent with that presented by Hurley.
- Director Lyon is working closely with DEQ and the administration to take active steps to reduce all potential lead exposures in Flint, and across the state.
- Our Chief Medical Executive has been in communication with the lead investigator at Hurley Children's Hospital, and we continue to work with Hurley, the city of Flint, local and state leaders to verify and analyze data trends.
- Zip code-level data does show that there has been an increase in elevated childhood blood lead levels in specific communities.
  - This does not conclusively mean that the water source change is the sole cause of the increase, but data does show an association.
  - There is an increased proportion of children with elevated Blood Levels (ELBs) in several zip codes, particularly 03 and 04. These appear to have increased over the last 1.5 years.
  - Lead exposure can occur from a number of different sources (such as paint, gasoline, solder, and consumer products) and through different pathways (such as air, food, water, dust, and soil).
  - Although there are several exposure sources, lead-based paint is still the most widespread and dangerous high-dose source of lead exposure for young children in the US and Michigan.
- We reviewed MDHHS statewide data using the same methodology used by Hurley, looking at our numbers by zip code and age ranges, and filtering out non-Flint children.
- Routine surveillance of blood lead levels does not analyze data down to the zip code level. Detailed analysis like this occurs when there is reason to focus in on precise locations or populations.
- MDHHS will be working closely with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Hurley Children's Hospital, the Genesee County Health Department, and community organizations to initiate further action steps.
- We understand that cost may be a barrier to following the recommendations of the local health department. We are actively working with public and private partners to make resources available to those who may need assistance.
- MDHHS is recommending that residents follow the Public Health Advisory issued by the Genesee County Health Department, as well as take further steps to reduce exposures to all forms of lead in and around their homes.

### *MDHHS Stats and Facts*

- 'High Risk' Zip codes (48503 and 48504)
  - Blood lead level rates among children under six years of age in the high risk zip codes (48503, 48504) were 2.7 times higher than the rest of Genesee County before the switch to Flint River Water.
  - After the switch to Flint River Water, rates in the high risk Zip codes were 3.2 times that of the rest of Genesee County.
- Other Zip codes in Flint
  - Rates of elevated blood lead levels among children under six years of age in other parts of the city of Flint were 2 times that of the rest of Genesee County before the switch to Flint River Water.
  - The magnitude of the elevated rate remained roughly the same during the period after the water source switch.
- Lead abatement through MDHHS was federally funded up until FY14 when Michigan began providing additional funds to abate homes.
- In FY14, \$1.25M General Fund was added. In FY15, General Fund was bumped up to \$1.75M and FY16, General Fund remains at \$1.75M.

### *Water Filters*

- Our first action item is to work closely with our public and private partners to provide water filters to Flint residents and MDHHS clients.
- To meet this priority, the governor has identified one million dollars in state funding to purchase water filters for Flint residents.
- Given the questions and concerns regarding the change in water source in Flint, MDHHS has authorized the use of emergency services funding to provide water filters for MDHHS clients receiving assistance in the city of Flint.
- We are pursuing a plan for clients who are active Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), State Disability Assistance (SDA), State Disability Assistance (SDA), or Social Security Insurance (SSI) to that they can obtain filters that are National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified to remove lead and ANSI Standard 53.
- We are in discussions with local retailers and will share additional information about where residents can go to purchase filters as soon as those details have been finalized.
- MDHHS currently serves approximately 25,000 households in Flint.

### *Reducing and Removing Lead Exposure*

- In housing built before 1978, it can be assumed that the paint has lead unless tests show otherwise.
- Make sure your child does not have access to peeling paint or chewable surfaces painted with lead-based paint.

- Children and pregnant women should not be present in housing built before 1978 that is undergoing renovation. They should not participate in activities that disturb old paint or in cleaning up paint debris after work is completed.
- Create barriers between living/play areas and lead sources. Until environmental clean-up is completed, you should clean and isolate all sources of lead.
  - Close and lock doors to keep children away from chipping or peeling paint on walls. You can also apply temporary barriers such as contact paper or duct tape, to cover holes in walls or to block children's access to other sources of lead.
- Regularly wash children's hands and toys. Hands and toys can become contaminated from household dust or exterior soil. Both are known lead sources.
- Regularly wet-mop floors and wet-wipe window components. Because household dust is a major source of lead, you should wet-mop floors and wet-wipe horizontal surfaces every 2-3 weeks.
  - Windowsills and wells can contain high levels of leaded dust. They should be kept clean. If feasible, windows should be shut to prevent abrasion of painted surfaces or opened from the top sash.
- Take off shoes when entering the house to prevent bringing lead-contaminated soil in from outside.
- Prevent children from playing in bare soil; if possible, provide them with sandboxes. Plant grass on areas of bare soil or cover the soil with grass seed, mulch, or wood chips, if possible.
  - Until the bare soil is covered, move play areas away from bare soil and away from the sides of the house. If you have a sandbox, cover the box when not in use to prevent cats from using it as a litter box. That will help protect children from exposure to animal waste.
- Avoid using makeup, containers, cookware, or tableware to store or cook foods or liquids that are not shown to be lead free.
- Remove recalled toys and toy jewelry immediately from children.
- Use only cold water from the tap for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Hot water is more likely to contain higher levels of lead. Most of the lead in household water usually comes from the plumbing in your house, not from the local water supply.
- Shower and change clothes after finishing a task that involves working with lead-based products such as stained glass, making bullets, or using a firing range.

#### *WIC Children*

- There are 855 infants participating in WIC in Flint.
- We are working with partners at the United Way to ensure that WIC families have access to water filters and bottled water.
- In homes with infants on WIC, if the household has documentation from an official source of unsanitary water supply issues, that family may be eligible to receive ready-to-feed formula. Families should contact WIC to see if they are eligible.

- Each household would have to be looked at on an individual basis.
- WIC cannot cover bottled water.

#### *Background*

- The results of the Hurley Children's Hospital were reviewed by MDHHS after the study was released last week.
- The analysis that Hurley conducted was different from the initial MDHHS data regarding blood lead levels in Flint.
- MDHHS initial data looked at the entire blood lead levels for the Flint area for the past five years and showed the annual seasonal trends in the area.
- Seasonal exposure is higher in the summer for a variety of reasons including children playing outside in the soil, and when windows are open and lead paint is more likely to be in the air. Further, seasonal variations in water can occur due to changes in temperature, pH , and other factors



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Jim Kiertzner will be on the call.

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**Importance:** High

Hi there Dan –

Per earlier conversation, below is information for a media conference call with Gov. Snyder and Cabinet leaders – MI Dept of Environmental Quality Director Dan Wyant of the, MI Dept of Health & Human Services Director Nick Lyon of the, and Dr. Eden Wells, the state's Chief Medical Executive – to outline a comprehensive action plan to further address Flint water concerns.

They will also be available to answer Qs.

As agreed by you and WXYZ team, this information is fully embargoed until when the 1:30 p.m. press conference later today in Flint begins.

SPECIFIC CALL-IN DETAILS:

**Topic:** Flint water action plan

**Date:** Friday, Oct. 2

**Time:** 11:15 a.m.

**Conference Line call-in number:** [REDACTED]

**Conference line passcode:** [REDACTED]

**\*\* To ask a question during that portion of the call, please press "0." (but please refrain from pressing zero until opening remarks are completed to help ensure you don't miss any of the details).**

**\*\*NOTE\*\*:** This invitation is for planning purposes only and meant for you and/or your outlet as there are a limited number of participant lines. Please let us know if you wish to have someone else participate so we can work to accommodate.

Please let us know if who from CH 7 plans to participate or if you need anything else at all in interim.

Thanks and best,  
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**Subject:** WXYZ-TV

Hi Sara and David,

Hope you are well. Checking to see if someone can please send me the info on today's 11:30am teleconference call about the Flint water situation.

Thank you.

Dan Z.

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**Cc:** Heaton, Anna (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)  
**Subject:** Timeline  
  
**Importance:** High

FYI--

Kaffer and the Freep are constructing a "timeline" of the Flint water situation...and she has requested from me:

- dates for EM appointments, departures
- the date Andy Dillon signed off on KWA

I am also going to include a few other items; Flint's requests to "blend" river water with DWSD water and the DWSD contract cancellation letter.

Will ship the info to you shortly for review and input.

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**From:** Davey, Monica <davey@nytimes.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 11:02 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Monica checking

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**From:** Brown, Jessica (GOV)  
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**Subject:** RE: Updated press release with new filter information  
**Attachments:** NR 151002 - Flint water action plan DM.docx  
**Importance:** High

Hello all,

It was brought to Karen's attention that one of the DEQ contact numbers was Director Wyant's desk line. That has been corrected in the attached draft. Please use this one moving forward.

Thanks,  
Jessica

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**From:** Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Murray, David (GOV)" <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>  
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Team, here is the updated press release with the new information about the filters highlighted below. Please let us know if there should be changes.

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**Cc:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Monica checking

Hi there Monica -

Governor not in Flint today but he's hosting an embargoed media conf right NOW. If you can join us, please do. I can walk you through afterward too if not.

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**Time:** 11:15 a.m.

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**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint water website

Hey team--

DEQ is finishing the Flint water website currently so that it can be live at 1 PM.

Here are screenshots currently of the page. They're still waiting for the final press release to include.

The initial description is from Karen at DEQ. The resources listed are my infographics and lead information from DHHS. There's also information from DHHS regarding the free water filters.

Please let me know what else we need to include and what changes are needed. The website will be [www.mi.gov/FlintWater](http://www.mi.gov/FlintWater)

Thanks

Josh

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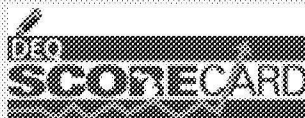
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[Tips for Flint Residents](#) - Simple steps residents can take to minimize lead in drinking water.

[Lead Screening & Testing for Safe, Healthy Kids](#)

[Blood Lead Level Quick Reference for Primary Care Providers](#)

[Parent Handout - Is Your Child Safe from Lead Poisoning?](#)

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Short Lead Level Quick Reference for Emergency Care Providers

Parent Handbook - Is Your Child Safe from Lead Exposure?

## Free Water Filters



Obtaining Free Water Filters

To ensure safe drinking water, the state of Michigan is providing water filters for free.

- 1) Governor Snyder has awarded \$1 million in funding to secure filters for Flint residents.
- 2) The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will provide filters for free to Flint City's clients\* in 25,000 households.
- 3) Working with United Way, community partners, and corporate sponsors to secure additional filters and distribute them.

Please check on govflintwater for regular updates regarding water filters for Flint residents.

\*The eligible programs are: Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), State Disability Assistance (SDA) or Social Security Insurance (SSI) recipients.

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**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Ron Fonger MLive article includes plan

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# Flint River will remain as city water source in state plan to address lead

The city would continue to use the Flint River as its water source, according to a plan expected to unveiled today, Oct. 2, by state officials.

A person with knowledge of the plan said it includes the immediate testing of water in all Flint schools, faucet filters for city residents and expanded testing for lead among city residents.

The plan is being unveiled at a 1:30 p.m. news conference at Kettering University.

The person familiar with the plan said it does not include reconnecting to the Lake Huron water through the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

Parts of the plan include:

- Immediately test water at Flint schools at state expense, working with administrators.
- Expand lead exposure testing for individuals.
- Continue offering free water testing to Flint residents at no charge.
- Expedite optimization of corrosion control
- Expediting completion of the Karegnondi Water Authority
- Appointing a Flint Drinking Water Public Health Advisor
- Providing water filters to Flint residents
- Expanding a comprehensive lead education initiative

Today's news conference comes after an avalanche of disastrous news about Flint water and a drastic change in direction among city and state officials, who have defended the safety of city water for months.

Calls for the city to end its use of the Flint River for drinking water increased after a Hurley Medical Center doctor's study showed the number of children in the city with elevated blood levels nearly doubled after the city started using it as a water source in 2014.

State officials initially questioned the data, but Snyder this week acknowledged problems with lead.

The state oversees water quality in Flint, and state-appointed emergency managers were running city government when decisions were made not to negotiate a short-term agreement to continue buying Lake Huron water from Detroit and to instead use the river as a water source.

Although the city is not currently in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act, bacteria, the level of total trihalomethanes and lead have been problems in the water system since then.

Stay with MLive for more developments on this story.



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**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 11:48 AM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Cc:** Lynch, James  
**Subject:** RE: Embargoed media conf. call - Flint water action plan

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**Subject:** Embargoed media conf. call - Flint water action plan  
**Importance:** High

Hi there Jim and Chad –

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**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Cc:** Heaton, Anna (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Timeline

**Importance:** High

I apologize for the length of this...but wanted you all to review it before I ship it to Nancy. Please advise of any suggested changes.

#### **Flint EM dates for financial emergency declared in December 2011**

Mike Brown, apptd 12-1-11 (when fin emer declared under PA 4 of 2011)  
Ed Kurtz, apptd 8-8-12 (when PA4 was repealed in Aug 2012, Brown couldn't serve as EM, PA 72 back in effect)  
Mike Brown, apptd 7-4-13 (Kurtz retired; PA436 in effect)  
Darnell Earley, apptd 10-8-13 (Brown resigned)  
Gerald Ambrose, apptd 1-13-15 (Earley appointed DPS EM)

Financial Emergency resolved, 4-29-15 (RTAB apptd)

#### **Other dates**

June 26, 2012 – Letter from EM Brown to DWSD seeking permission to blend river water with DWSD water (attached).

Sept. 20, 2012 – Letter from EM Kurtz to DWSD requesting written permission to implement blending (attached).

March 25, 2013 – The Flint City Council endorses joining KWA (see url below)

[http://blog.mlive.com/newsnow\\_impact/print.html?entry=/2013/03/flint\\_city\\_council\\_approves\\_re.html](http://blog.mlive.com/newsnow_impact/print.html?entry=/2013/03/flint_city_council_approves_re.html)

April 11, 2013 – Treasurer Dillion sends letter to EM Kurtz (attached) noting conditional approval of move to KWA (pursuant to PA436), pending a review of DWSD's last, best offer.

April 16, 2013 – EM Kurtz informs Treasury that the City will join KWA (attached).

April 17, 2013 – DWSD transmits letter to EM Kurtz terminating service to Flint, effective April 17, 2014 (attached).

April 17, 2014 – Water service from DWSD officially ends.

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**To:** Livengood, Chad  
**Cc:** Murray, David (GOV); Lynch, James  
**Subject:** Re: Embargoed media conf. call - Flint water action plan

Water tested at all public schools-traditional and charters. We're also offering it to all parochial schools.

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**Subject:** Embargoed media conf. call - Flint water action plan  
**Importance:** High

Hi there Jim and Chad –

Per earlier conversations, below is information for a media conference call with Gov. Snyder and Cabinet leaders – MI Dept of Environmental Quality Director Dan Wyant of the, MI Dept of Health & Human Services Director Nick Lyon of the, and Dr. Eden Wells, the state's Chief Medical Executive – to outline a comprehensive action plan to further address Flint water concerns.

They will also be available to answer Qs.

As agreed by you and your team, this information is fully embargoed until when the 1:30 p.m. press conference later today in Flint begins.

**SPECIFIC CALL-IN DETAILS:**

**Topic:** Flint water action plan

**Date:** Friday, Oct. 2

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Please let us know if who from Detroit News plans to participate or if you need anything else at all in interim.

Thanks so much,  
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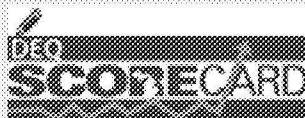
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- 1) Governor Snyder has awarded \$1 million in funding to secure filters for Flint residents.
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- 3) Working with United Way, community partners, and corporate sponsors to secure additional filters and distribute them.

Please check on govflintwater for regular updates regarding water filters for Flint residents.

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**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 1:39 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint conference call

Sara and Dave,

The governor and Dan Wyant held a conference call today on Flint water? We had no notice of it.

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Hi all,

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**Subject:** U.S. EPA comment on State of Michigan and City of Flint press conference on Oct. 2, 2015

*FYI, this is the statement we released this afternoon ...*

This statement can be attributed to EPA Region 5 Administrator Susan Hedman:

"Actions that the State of Michigan and the City of Flint announced today are important steps to protect public health. The immediate steps being taken to implement corrosion control will reduce lead in drinking water, as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. US EPA will continue to provide technical assistance to the State of Michigan and the City of Flint to support their joint effort. "

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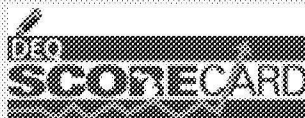
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On Friday, October 2, 2015, Gov. Rick Snyder announced a comprehensive action plan created with state, federal and city leaders to address concerns about Flint drinking water so that residents have access to safe, clean, water now and long into the future. The water leaving Flint's drinking water system is safe to drink, but some families with lead plumbing in their homes or service connections could experience higher levels of lead in the water that comes out of their faucets.

The action plan focuses on increasing water testing, offering additional precautions for families with lead plumbing in their homes, and providing long-term solutions to address the city's water infrastructure challenges. The plan was created at Snyder's direction by the Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Health and Human Services (DHHS), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the city of Flint.

**To get your water tested for free,** please call the city of Flint Water Plant at (810) 787-6537

and then press 1. You can also email [flintwater@mt.gov](mailto:flintwater@mt.gov)

## News Updates



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## Flint Drinking Water Resources



Flint Water Action Plan - This two point plan outlines the steps the State of Michigan is taking on Flint water.

Flint for Flint Residents - Simple steps residents can take to minimize risk to drinking water.

Lead Screening & Testing for State Healthy Kids

Short Lead Level Quick Reference for Emergency Care Providers

Parent Handbook - Is Your Child Safe from Lead Poisoning?

## Free Water Filters



Obtaining Free Water Filters

To ensure safe drinking water, the state of Michigan is providing water filters for free.

- 1) Governor Snyder has awarded \$1 million in funding to secure filters for Flint residents.
- 2) The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will provide filters for free to Flint City's clients\* in 25,000 households.
- 3) Working with United Way, community partners, and corporate sponsors to secure additional filters and distribute them.

Please check on govflintwater for regular updates regarding water filters for Flint residents.

\*The eligible programs are: Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), State Disability Assistance (SDA) or Social Security Insurance (SSI) recipients.

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Hi Dave ---

I know we just chatted, but to reiterate, the \$1 million in funding was identified to serve Flint residents in addition to those we are able to provide filters with through MDHHS emergency funds. The MDHHS emergency funds must be used to support people who are active Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), State Disability Assistance (SDA) or Social Security Insurance (SSI) recipients.

In terms of distributing the \$1 million in filters more broadly, that policy is actively being worked out --those details and logistics will be made publicly available as soon as they're finalized.

Thank you, and be in touch again soon.

Best,

Jennifer (Smith) Eisner  
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**Subject:** national guard water tanker suggestion

Sara:

We are seeking comment for a story based on the request to the governor by Genesee County Clerk-Register and former state senator John Gleason to consider using National Guard water tankers in response to providing water to Flint residents.

I've attached a letter from Gleason to Gov. Snyder from September 2014 on this subject.

Mr. Gleason said last week that's he's spoken in recent days to state Sens. Horn and Ananich in an new effort to get Flint access to the National Guard water tankers.

Thanks in advance for your help.

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September 10, 2014

Governor Snyder,

The recent water concern in the City of Flint has revealed two actions for future drinking water shortages.

In the past, the Flint area has used the National Guard water tanker for local road races. Also, daily water tankers fill our local swimming pools.

When we have large numbers of citizens that must use the "Boil the Water" process, why can't we use the tankers I mentioned above?


Flint has gone days without drinking water.

With such a basic life need, let's try some possible solutions! We could dispense the water at Senior Centers, community gathering locations, neighborhood schools and churches. This could be seen as a training experience for the National Guard or Reserves.

Governor, the need is there and the tankers are at hand.

Thanks for your time and please let me know what you think.

I hope this note finds you and your family in fine health.

  
Genesee County Clerk  
John J. Gleason

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**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 10:39 AM  
**To:** Vorce, Susan (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: FOIA request  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.htm; FOIADEQ.doc; ATT00002.htm

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Good morning, and thanks again for the help Friday.

I'm attaching a FOIA request for several pieces of information. If these aren't to be directed to you as the PIO at DEQ, can you forward them to the correct person and let me know as soon as you do?

Thanks much.

Robin

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Brad Wurfel  
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Oct. 5, 2015

Dear Mr. Wurfel:

This request is pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act {MCL 15.231 et. seq.}.

Specifically, I request copies of the following public records:

- Records showing the results of the water quality tests conducted by or ordered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality or the City of Flint between Jan. 1, 2014 and Oct. 5, 2015,
- Any communications sent or received by DEQ director Dan Wyant related to Flint water quality between Jan. 1, 2014 and Oct. 5, 2015,
- Any communication or documents, electronic or otherwise, related to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency memo or interim report from Miguel A. Del Toral dated June 24, 2015,
- Any subsequent correspondences regarding lead levels in Flint city water between the city of Flint, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the EPA and
- Any and all correspondences or documents, electronic or otherwise, related to the report "Analysis of the Flint River as a Permanent Water Supply for the City of Flint July 2011."

We intend to use this information for a newspaper story, so we ask that you please expedite this request. If portions of this request are available more quickly than others, we ask you to forward those portions immediately rather than wait until the entire request is completed. If the cost of this request is estimated to exceed \$50, I ask that you inform me of the estimated cost before completing this request so that I can decide whether to appeal the fee.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact either John Wisely or me. John can be reached at (313) 222-6825 or [jwisely@freepress.com](mailto:jwisely@freepress.com); I can most easily be reached by cell at [REDACTED] or by email at [rerb@freepress.com](mailto:rerb@freepress.com).

Thank you for your prompt attention. We look forward to your response.

Robin Erb and John Wisely  
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**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
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Sara:

I'm expecting to write a story about the efforts to distribute water filters that have so far come into Flint from several sources. Are the state-funded filters being distributed through the Genesee County Health Department and United Way or through state offices such as the Department of Human Services, or both?

Have the state-funded filters begun to arrive in Flint and does your office want to comment on the efforts to distribute the filters so far?

You may have heard that the initial distribution was expanded Saturday to include all residents because there were far more filters than low income families that qualified who turned out to request one.

Thanks for your help.

Call is it's easier

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 2:48 PM  
**To:** Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)  
**Cc:** Murray, David (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: water filter distribution

**Importance:** High

Guys – please share an update on this asap.

Also, have heard from CBS Evening News. They'll be in Flint today and tomorrow. Need to chat with you about that.

Please call as soon as can.

Thanks much,  
SW

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**From:** Ronald Fonger [<mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 2:46 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)>  
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**From:** Biehl, Laura (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 3:17 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Subject:** Please advise: Extra 5K water

So as a result of less people coming out to the 5K for the rescheduled date... we have tons of extra water and granola bars left. Kelli is arranging for the LG to take the granola bars to United Way or something like that but I wanted to check in with you guys before we do the same with the water. With everything with Flint water right now, I wanted to be extra cognizant of the optics of us donating a ton of water anywhere.

Should we just donate the water to a food bank here locally and/or should the LG be involved? I was worried about the optics of our administration donating water anywhere right now.

Here's the water we have left:

30 full cases (24 bottles each) of water  
Approx. 3 cases worth of loose water bottles  
10 2.5 gallon jugs of water

Laura

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**From:** Saunders, Kelli (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 1:07 PM  
**To:** Biehl, Laura (GOV) <[BiehlL@michigan.gov](mailto:BiehlL@michigan.gov)>; Stroud, Michael (GOV) <[StroudM@michigan.gov](mailto:StroudM@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** Alexander, Kaitlyn (GOV) <[AlexanderK9@michigan.gov](mailto:AlexanderK9@michigan.gov)>; Tolfree, Nickolas (GOV) <[TolfreeN@michigan.gov](mailto:TolfreeN@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Post-5K inventory

Katie,

Below are some things we had left over from our 5K race.

Can you please look on the calendar and find a day he may be in an area that does some sort of backpack program (United Way might be a good connection to some local entities that do such a thing) that he could drop off the granola bars specifically? Wouldn't need to be any more than a 15 minute stop. If you need further clarification just come talk to me.

Hold on the water and Gatorade – we are trying to decide what we want to do with that.

Thanks!

Kelli

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**From:** Biehl, Laura (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 4:43 PM  
**To:** Saunders, Kelli (GOV) <[saundersk1@michigan.gov](mailto:saundersk1@michigan.gov)>; Stroud, Michael (GOV) <[StroudM@michigan.gov](mailto:StroudM@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Post-5K inventory

Here's what we have left in food, water, Gatorade and cups from the 5K. Let me know what we plan to do with it!

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**From:** Ruestman, Alexa (GOV)

**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 4:05 PM

**To:** Biehl, Laura (GOV) <[LBiehl@michigan.gov](mailto:LBiehl@michigan.gov)>

**Subject:** Post-5K inventory

Leftover in the Constituents office:

30 full cases (24 bottles each) of water

Approx. 3 cases worth of loose water bottles

10 2.5 gallon jugs of water

19 64oz bottles of Gatorade

21 40 ct. bags of cups (840 cups total)

(Roughly 600 granola bars)

15 unopened 24 ct. boxes of Nature Valley granola bars

2 opened 24 ct. boxes of Nature Valley granola bars

5 opened, mostly full 30 ct. boxes of Nature Valley granola bars

9 unopened 6 ct. boxes of Nature Valley granola bars

1 opened, partially full 18 ct. box of Quaker Chewy granola bars

2 unopened 18 ct. boxes of Quaker Chewy granola bars

-Alexa

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**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 3:19 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Priest, Chris (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Cc:** Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV); Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS)  
**Subject:** Release on Flint  
**Attachments:** Flint Filters Press Release 10515.pdf  
**Importance:** High

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 5, 2015

CONTACT: Jennifer Eisner  
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**Water filters available for MDHHS clients in Flint beginning Tuesday**

LANSING, Mich. – Free water filters will be available to current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services clients and Flint residents at four locations beginning Tuesday, October 6, at 9 a.m. through a partnership between the MDHHS and the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department. Free National Sanitation Foundation certified water filters are being provided to Flint residents as part of the administration's comprehensive approach to addressing water concerns in the area.

Current MDHHS clients are encouraged to visit either the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office location to obtain a free, certified home water filter. Residents who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs should visit the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department offices located at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint. Staff will be onsite at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation.

"Ensuring that families in the Flint area have access to resources that will help reduce the potential for lead exposure is our top priority," said Nick Lyon, director of the MDHHS. "I want to thank our partners who have mobilized to make water filters available – a point that highlights the importance of continued collaboration at the local, state and federal level as we move forward."

MDHHS clients in the city of Flint who are active Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), State Disability Assistance (SDA), or Social Security Insurance (SSI) recipients should bring valid identification and a copy of their water bill to their local MDHHS office to receive their filter free of charge. Flint residents who are not active MDHHS clients should bring identification and their water bill to the GCCARD location.

Although blood lead levels throughout the city of Flint have remained steady, last week, MDHHS data was found to be consistent with a recent Hurley Children's Hospital study indicating increased blood lead levels in children residing in two Flint ZIP codes after a 2014 change in water source. While lead paint remains the number one cause of lead poisoning in Michigan, the recent data prompted MDHHS to take action to reduce potential lead exposures through water sources.

MDHHS is urging parents in Flint and throughout the state to do their part in preventing elevated blood lead levels in children. For more information about steps you can take now, visit [www.michigan.gov/lead](http://www.michigan.gov/lead), or contact your local health department. For updates on Flint water and available resources, visit [www.michigan.gov/flintwater](http://www.michigan.gov/flintwater).

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 3:53 PM  
**To:** 'Ronald Fonger'; Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)  
**Cc:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: water filter distribution

State teams have been working throughout the weekend with the local community and partners to get this finalized and this action step mobilized as soon as possible from state's comprehensive plan announced Friday, Ron.

Looping in Angela and Jen from the MI Dept of Health and Human Services here who can walk you through the details, but essentially filters will be available starting tomorrow morning at both the two MDHHS offices in Flint as well as the two Genesee Co. Community Action Resource Dept offices in Flint.

Great example of the collaboration underway and that's so key to addressing this issue together.

I know you'll be hearing from the soon.

Thanks and best,  
SW

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 3:57 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Release on Flint

Both – clients should go to DHHS office, all others should go to local Community Action Agency location – though either can go to other locations and walk out door with filter by same form/policy to ensure “no wrong door” and make as easy as possible. But they are trying to direct folks accordingly. Outlined in 2<sup>nd</sup> graph – not clear enough?

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**From:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 3:52 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Release on Flint

I'm confused after reading the release. Does this deal just with filters for the clients, or for everyone?

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 5, 2015, at 3:42 PM, Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Talked at length with GERALYN about this just now. Think is a good thing, and shows immediate follow up from action steps announced Friday. Added bonus is that it should be pretty easy for Flint clients and residents and have a “no wrong door” approach too just in case. Please see attached and below.

This is slated for distribution at 4 p.m. Need to hear if any concerns from anyone ASAP.

Otherwise, it's a go.

Thanks much,  
SW

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**From:** Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 3:19 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <[WurfelB@michigan.gov](mailto:WurfelB@michigan.gov)>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>; Priest, Chris (GOV) <[PriestC1@michigan.gov](mailto:PriestC1@michigan.gov)>; Hollins, Harvey (GOV) <[hollinsh@michigan.gov](mailto:hollinsh@michigan.gov)>; Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <[AgenJ@michigan.gov](mailto:AgenJ@michigan.gov)>; Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)>  
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<Flint Filters Press Release 10515.pdf>



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**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 4:24 PM  
**To:** Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS)  
**Cc:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Priest, Chris (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV); Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS)  
**Subject:** Re: Release on Flint

Thanks G!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 5, 2015, at 3:18 PM, Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS) <[lasherz@michigan.gov](mailto:lasherz@michigan.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 9:32 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)  
**Cc:** Wheaton, Bob (DHHS)  
**Subject:** Missing PIO

Hey Dave – I’m headed off to Flint here shortly to help with media that will be in the area. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join for this morning’s meeting.

I’ll get the scoop from Bob 😊

Jennifer (Smith) Eisner  
Public Information Officer  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
517-241-2112

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**From:** Gautz, Chris (MDOC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 1:21 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV); Heaton, Anna (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Flint water

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**From:** Straub, Gregory (MDOC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 1:20 PM  
**To:** Gautz, Chris (MDOC)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Flint water

Below. Looks like they brought in water....

Greg Straub, Administrative Assistant to Deputy Director, Russ Marlan  
517-285-7703  
@MDOCFOA

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Wilson, Warren (MDOC)" <[wilsonw1@michigan.gov](mailto:wilsonw1@michigan.gov)>  
**Date:** October 6, 2015 at 1:16:22 PM EDT  
**To:** "Straub, Gregory (MDOC)" <[Straubg@michigan.gov](mailto:Straubg@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Blakley, James (MDOC)" <[BlakleyJ@michigan.gov](mailto:BlakleyJ@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Flint water

There is trouble with the Flint water, but we have water brought in for the water cooler.

The drinking fountains are covered so people do not use them.

Warren Wilson  
Operations Administrator  
Outstate Territory  
517 334-7037

On Oct 6, 2015, at 1:12 PM, Straub, Gregory (MDOC) <[Straubg@michigan.gov](mailto:Straubg@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Any issues about the h2o in Flint? See below...

Greg Straub, Administrative Assistant to Deputy Director, Russ Marlan  
517-285-7703  
@MDOCFOA

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Gautz, Chris (MDOC)" <[GautzC@michigan.gov](mailto:GautzC@michigan.gov)>  
**Date:** October 6, 2015 at 1:11:01 PM EDT  
**To:** "Straub, Gregory (MDOC)" <[Straubg@michigan.gov](mailto:Straubg@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Flint water

Hey Greg,

I just had a meeting with the governor's office and my counterparts in the other departments and we were talking about the Flint water situation.

Have we had any feedback or concern raised from any of our parole/probations offices there?

Chris

Chris Gautz

Public Information Officer

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**From:** Brown, Melanie (LARA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 3:42 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint Water

Hey Dave – I heard that Flint water was the topic of today's PIO meeting – Please let me know how I can be helpful with comms stuff or just for collegiate support...

We need to make this look better – Im with you all the way dude...  
You're doing a great job considering the issue – stand firm.

-Mel

MELANIE BROWN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR | COMMUNICATIONS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS  
STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TALENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 4:30 PM  
**To:** Dickinson, Sarah (GOV); Emmitt, Beth (GOV)  
**Cc:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)  
**Subject:** Flint update

Here's a quick media update to add to the other Flint briefing and update coming from Dan Wyant.

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CBS Evening News was in Flint Monday and Tuesday with coverage slated to air during tonight's 6 p.m news block nationally. Story isn't likely to be great, but should hopefully be fair and balanced. Will have ties into race, poverty, emergency management, and what state and locals did and knew when and how situation was handled.

We helped arrange interviews with DEQ Director Dan Wyant and DHHS' Cheryl Thompson, who is the deputy director for the Department's field services, an African American and also a Flint resident. They did those interviews from the now up and running water filter distribution centers at one of the two DHHS Flint offices.

They also did interviews with local Flint media.

Majority of media coverage both in Flint locally and statewide today to date has been on free water filter distribution so has been generally more positive.

Sen. Ananich was again urging immediate switch to Detroit water with comment "To me, the cost-benefit analysis that has cost on one side and brain damage for kids on the other -- it's incomprehensible."

Erin Brockovich did an exclusive interview for WJRT TV 12 that's supposed to air tonight in the 5 p.m. news and the teaser is "one of the worst situations she's ever seen."

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**From:** Brown, Melanie (LARA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 6:19 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** h2o

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Mel.



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**From:** Brown, Melanie (LARA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 6:21 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: h2o

Ok – thanks

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**From:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 6:20 PM  
**To:** Brown, Melanie (LARA)  
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Hi Mel,

Director Wyant is the go-to guy for that kind of thing, I think.

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**From:** Kyle Feldscher <kfeldscher@washingtonexaminer.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:02 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Flint water background

Hey Dave, thanks for this - unfortunately didn't see it until morning. I'll be sure to use it in future stories.

Here's the story from today: <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epa-wont-help-flint-during-water-crisis/article/2573554>

-Kyle

On Tue, Oct 6, 2015 at 11:25 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Kyle,

Here's some additional information. I do expect some additional developments this week.

Gov. Snyder believes all state residents to have access to clean, safe water. The governor and the state agencies have played a highly visible role in working with Flint city leaders with their infrastructure challenges -- and will continue to do so. We understand why people are frustrated, and also want to make sure people have accurate information and know where they can go if they have questions about their health and the water connections in their home. The health and safety of Flint residents is always the first priority, and that includes ensuring there is clean, safe drinking water -- especially for children.

Last week the state unveiled a comprehensive action plan that builds upon existing state efforts to work with Flint leaders on their infrastructure needs. That included spending \$1 million on faucet filters for every city resident, an effort that also includes assistance from non-profit and corporate donors. The state also has provided \$4.2 million in grants and restructured financing to help the city locate and fix some of the problems with its water infrastructure and add the carbon filtration system. Several state agencies continue to work with Flint leaders on their water challenges including through Mayor Walling's technical advisory board. That board includes outside experts and members will study data and offer recommendations.

The Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health and Human Services also are testing water and working with Flint residents on issues related to what they can do if they have concerns about the pipes in their homes. The DEQ last week started testing every public school in the city and offers testing to private and parochial schools as well.

It's important to remember that the emergency manager had the final say on making the change, but did so at the strong urging of Flint city leaders.

Decisions about changes to the water system were not forced upon the city. Emergency managers often try to work closely with mayors and city councils, getting recommendations from the local communities they are serving. The decision to make the switch to the Karegnondi pipeline came after an 8-1 vote by the City Council and strong endorsement by the mayor and Genesee County leaders. The move also came after a series of upgrades to Flint's water treatment plant.

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**From:** Maloney, Damon <damon.maloney@abc12.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:46 AM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Advisory Committee Meeting

Hi Dave,

Wanted to check if the technical advisory committee for Flint water situation is meeting today? If so-- is that meeting open to public?

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S®4, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**From:** Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:16:34 AM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)  
**CC:** Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)  
**Subject:** Filter Update PR

**Importance:** High

**Attachments:** Flint Extended Hours Press Release 10715.docx

All –

Attached for your review is an update about filter distribution to announce extended hours and reaffirm that these filters are certified to reduce lead in drinking water.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you have edits. We're aiming to get this out within the hour.

Thank you,

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October 7, 2015

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**State offering extended, weekend hours for water filter distribution at Lippincott GCCARD**  
*Nearly 5,000 NSF certified filters issued by MDHHS to Flint residents since Monday*

LANSING, Mich. – Flint residents and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services clients with a city of Flint water bill will now be able to take advantage of extended hours this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department 2727 Lippincott location. Extended hours will be offered at the Lippincott facility only, and will run until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The other three locations will maintain 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. operating hours, Monday through Friday, for filter pick up.

Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive, reemphasized that the Brita SAFF-100 filters being distributed by the department and GCCARD do meet the NSF/ANSI 53 standards for drinking water treatment units.

“The Brita faucet filtration system that we are distributing to residents are National Sanitation Foundation certified to reduce lead in drinking water,” said Dr. Eden Wells. “When connected appropriately, these filters improve water quality by filtering out contaminants including lead, chlorine, benzene and other chemicals.”

Since Monday when MDHHS announced that free water filters would be distributed at four Flint locations, the state and GCCARD have partnered to issue approximately 5,000 free NSF certified water filters to residents that are on the city of Flint water system. The distribution of filters is part of the administration’s comprehensive approach to addressing water concerns in the area. These NSF certified water filters remove lead in the water administered through water taps in homes.

MDHHS clients and residents with a city of Flint water bill may take advantage of the extended hours at the Lippincott GCCARD. During the regular business hours, MDHHS clients are encouraged to visit either the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office location; residents on Flint water who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs should visit the GCCARD offices at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw. Staff will be onsite at all four locations to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation.

MDHHS clients in the city of Flint who are active recipients should bring valid identification and a copy of their water bill to their local MDHHS office. Flint residents who are not active MDHHS clients should bring identification and their city of Flint water bill to a GCCARD location.

MDHHS is urging all residents do their part to prevent elevated blood lead levels in children. For more information prevention, visit [www.michigan.gov/lead](http://www.michigan.gov/lead), or contact your local health department. For updates on Flint water and resources, visit [www.michigan.gov/flintwater](http://www.michigan.gov/flintwater).

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**From:** Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:28 AM  
**To:** Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)  
**Subject:** RE: Filter Update PR

We also just got off the phone with the head of communications for NSF and they are also putting a statement out affirming that the filters purchased by MDHHS are certified for lead reduction. I will pass that statement along as soon as we get it.

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**From:** Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)  
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**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <AgenJ@michigan.gov>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>; Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>; Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov>; Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ) <TommasuloK@michigan.gov>  
**Cc:** Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS) <lasherg@michigan.gov>; Minicuci, Angela (DHHS) <MinicuciA@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** Filter Update PR  
**Importance:** High

All –

Attached for your review is an update about filter distribution to announce extended hours and reaffirm that these filters are certified to reduce lead in drinking water.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you have edits. We're aiming to get this out within the hour.

Thank you,

Jennifer (Smith) Eisner  
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**From:** Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS)  
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**To:** Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Wheaton, Bob (DHHS); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Kennedy, Jordan (GOV); Ridley, Nancy (DHHS)  
**Subject:** FW: MDHHS Filters Press Release  
**Attachments:** NSF International Statement - Certification to Std 53.docx

FYI—attached is the statement from NSF

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**From:** Schmitt-Reichert, Anna [<mailto:aschmittreichert@nsf.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:52 AM  
**To:** Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS) <[lasherg@michigan.gov](mailto:lasherg@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** Wells, Eden (DHHS) <[WellsE3@michigan.gov](mailto:WellsE3@michigan.gov)>; Nowland-Margolis, Lizabeth <[lnowlandmargolis@nsf.org](mailto:lnowlandmargolis@nsf.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: MDHHS Filters Press Release

Hi GERALYN,

It was a pleasure to speak with you just now and to confirm that NSF International has indeed certified the water filters in question. Thank you for sending your press release too.

Attached is our statement which you are welcome to use. I have also copied my colleague Liz Margolis, Communications Manager at NSF International so that you have a second contact. Liz handles our media relations.

Please let me know if you need anything else,  
Anna

p.s. Dr. Wells, please stop over for a cup of coffee or lunch, I would love to show you what your neighbor does!

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:42 AM  
**To:** Schmitt-Reichert, Anna <[aschmittreichert@nsf.org](mailto:aschmittreichert@nsf.org)>  
**Cc:** Wells, Eden (DHHS) <[WellsE3@michigan.gov](mailto:WellsE3@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: MDHHS Filters Press Release

Thank you so much for discussing this with us Anna. We will be sending the attached press release out momentarily announcing extended hours for distribution as well as reiterating the NSF information for the filters we are currently providing.

Thank you so much for your assistance,  
Geralyn

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## **NSF International Statement regarding Flint Water System Lead Issue and certification NSF International/ANSI Standard 53**

NSF International, the public health and safety organization that tests and certifies residential drinking water filtration systems, has confirmed that the three water filters being distributed by officials in Flint, Michigan are currently certified by NSF International for lead reduction.

Specifically, Brita Faucet Filtration System, model number SAFF-100 (in white, black or chrome), the PUR Faucet Mount, model number FM-3700B, and the Zero Technologies Water Treatment Pour Through Pitcher, model number ZD-018, are certified for lead reduction in accordance with NSF/ANSI 53 – Drinking Water Treatment Unit Standard for Health Effects.

Individuals wishing to verify that a specific filter is NSF certified can do so via the [NSF website](#). Here are the links to verify each certification: [Brita Faucet Filter System SAFF-100](#), [PUR Faucet Water Filter System](#) and the [Zero Water Technologies Water Pitcher Filtration System](#)

Consumers can contact NSF International at [info@nsf.org](mailto:info@nsf.org) or 1-800-673-8010 for any additional questions.

Media requests regarding NSF International please contact Liz Nowland-Margolis at [lnowlandmargolis@nsf.org](mailto:lnowlandmargolis@nsf.org) or 734-418-6624.

Additionally NSF International has other resources for the consumer regarding drinking water safety:

- [Listing of NSF International certified products to reduce lead in water](#)
- [Lead in Drinking Water](#) (discusses sources of lead, home treatment options, etc.)
- [Changing Water Filters](#)
- [Guide to Contaminant Reduction claims](#)
- [Standards for Water Treatment Systems](#)
- [Understanding Consumer Confidence Reports \(CCRs\)](#)

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**From:** Davey, Monica <davey@nytimes.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:17 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Flint water story -- filing today

Dave:

Sorry to bother you but I am starting to get worried that Sara isn't getting my emails.

Is she out of pocket today?

Can you help me with this?

Best,

Monica

[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Davey, Monica <davey@nytimes.com>  
**Date:** Wed, Oct 7, 2015 at 10:48 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Flint water story -- filing today  
**To:** Sara Wurfel <wurfels@michigan.gov>

Sara:

Can you let me know if you are receiving my emails?

Should I send to Dave Murray instead?

Can you just give me an update on whether you are getting my notes?

Monica

On Wed, Oct 7, 2015 at 8:48 AM, Davey, Monica <davey@nytimes.com> wrote:

Sara:

Just making sure you received this.

And wondering, given all, whether someone from the state -- the gov or someone -- could talk to me about what's happened on this.

I want to be sure to get the state's view in here. And I feel like the city is pointing to the state as responsible since the emergency manager was in charge when the choice was made to go to the river.

You have time for a call? [REDACTED]

Monica

On Wed, Oct 7, 2015 at 6:42 AM, Davey, Monica <davey@nytimes.com> wrote:

Sara:

I'm doing a piece for tomorrow's paper about the Flint lead situation.

A few questions for you:

1) I listened to the governor's briefing last week and I believe he said this: "We all have a concern about Flint's drinking water in terms of what we're seeing on lead."

Others have quoted it differently, this way: "We all have a concern about Flint's drinking water in terms IN what we're seeing on lead."

Can you help me know which is accurate?

2) Any new developments from the state in terms of a return to Detroit or some other plan?

3)

Do these sentences seem factually accurate to you:

State officials last week called for the testing of drinking water at all Flint public schools and expedited efforts to replace lead service lines, and promised \$1 million to provide filters for residents.

Also separately: And blood tests released by a local pediatrician – and corroborated last week by state officials analyzing their own testing – showed an increase in elevated levels of lead in children in some Flint neighborhoods since 2014 when the city began drawing water from the river.

4) The city said the decision to go to Flint River water was made under the state appointed emergency manager. Does the governor want to comment on the EM's role in this? And does he want to comment on the possibility of state funds for a return to Detroit water?

Thanks

Monica

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 1:29 PM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Heaton, Anna (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Flint Water FY 2016 Supplemental Budget Request  
**Attachments:** Flint Water FY 2016 Supplemental Budget Request.docx

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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:59 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <[Wurfels@michigan.gov](mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Flint Water FY 2016 Supplemental Budget Request

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**From:** Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:18 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Flint Water FY 2016 Supplemental Budget Request

This went to SBO moments ago

## **DRAFT Flint Water FY 2016 Supplemental Budget Request**

### **1. \$1 Million for Filters**

The \$1 million for filters will be used to purchase filters for households in Flint that do not qualify for assistance under any of the DHHS assistance programs. Filters for those residents will be paid for out of funding already in place in DHHS' budget. Each filter cost \$20 and were ordered in bulk through Home Depot. Filters are being distributed through local public health, with documentation filed for each filter handed out.

### **2. \$6 Million for switch from Flint River to DWSD**

It will cost the City of Flint an additional \$1.3 million per month to use DWSD instead of the Flint River. The State and the City agreed to split the cost until June 2016, when the new Karegnondi Water Authority will be completed and Flint will switch to that water source. (\$1.3 million for 9 months)

### **3. \$1.5 Million for 12 additional staff to do community Lead Exposure Testing**

DEQ, DHHS and LARA are assembling a team to go into schools and high risk homes to test for lead exposure. The request is for 8 staff for DHHS, 2 staff for DEQ and 2 staff for LARA.

### **4. \$1 Million for evaluating sample results at the State Lab**

The new testing protocols for schools will require each faucet in the school to be tested and evaluated at the State lab. In addition, lead exposure testing in homes will result in tens of thousands more samples that will be need to processed. Each sample costs \$26 to process.

**Total Ask:     \$9.5 Million**

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**From:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 2:02 PM  
**To:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: two questions from Gov

Still working on clarifying A to #1 -- three varied answers so far. Teams are working to verify and ensure 100%.

I believe that's right approach on #2 -- though Ananich may require slightly more lead time as Dennis and Dan may push for. Though I don't think he will keep the news until then so that definitely has to be considered. And do we want him and/or Reps. Neely and Phelps there? And if so, speaking?

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**From:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 1:19 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>; Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>  
**Subject:** two questions from Gov

- 1) What is our Comms response to the question: What happens in rest of the state regarding water testing in schools?
- 2) Gov is meeting with SML and Speaker this afternoon, but when do we inform Ananich and Greimel? On this one, I assume we are inviting Ananich tomorrow morning and we can just tell Greimel at that same time, right? What time are we doing that?



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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 2:13 PM  
**To:** Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Cc:** Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)  
**Subject:** 151008. News release  
**Attachments:** 151008. News release.docx

EARLY cut. Karen drafted, I've edited, nobody else has seen it yet, so please have at it.  
Thanks.  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015

## **Gov. Rick Snyder: Move back to Detroit water provides best protection for public health in Flint**

*State, Mott Foundation and city form partnership to fund switch*

FLINT, Mich. — To protect Flint families and children, Gov. Rick Snyder today announced Flint will switch back to purchasing its drinking water from the Great Lakes Water Authority.

The city requested the state's help to fund the \$12 million switch after a meeting of Flint's Technical Advisory Committee on Wednesday afternoon. The state agreed to match the City's costs for the reconnection effort. Flint will provide \$2 million, and the Mott Foundation will donate \$4 million toward the City's portion.

Flint's move to the Great Lakes Water Authority is expected to cost about \$1.3 million per month until the Karegnondi Water Authority is completed next summer.

State agencies today also committed an additional \$3.5 million for water filters, free lead testing through the state laboratory for Flint water customers, and hiring additional staff to conduct health exposure monitoring for lead.

"All Flint residents need clean, safe drinking water," Snyder said. "The technical experts helping the city on its water advisory all agreed this move back to the Great Lakes Water Authority provides the best public health protection for children and families. I appreciate Detroit's willingness to bring Flint back online, the Mott Foundation's generous donation, and the dedication of all parties to work together to protect Flint families and kids."

The move to Detroit water, which is drawn from Lake Huron, carries many public health benefits. As large bodies of water, the Great Lakes are naturally prone to fewer problems from large rain events and other runoff issues than are shallower rivers. Additionally, Detroit has already fully optimized its corrosion control, using phosphates to help coat the insides of pipes and prevent lead from leaching into the water.

However, the move to Detroit water will not completely resolve the city's problem with lead service lines or aging infrastructure. It will take time for pipes in Flint to become coated with the phosphate corrosion control. Additionally, until all lead pipes and plumbing are replaced, some households in the city could experience lead in their drinking water.

To best protect public health, Snyder and MDHHS advise residents to continue using water filters. Free filters are available for current MDHHS clients at the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office locations. For residents who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs, free filters are available at the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department offices at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint. Staff will be onsite at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation.

At the Lippincott location only, extended hours will be offered this weekend, including until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Other good practices for residents concerned about lead include turning on the cold water tap and running the water until it's as cold as it will go. Additionally, only use cold water for cooking, drinking and especially mixing baby formula.

### ***School test results released; more investigation planned***

The state today also released the first results from its free lead screening program in schools and homes. Of 37 total samples taken at 13 buildings, four samples spread over three buildings exceeded the federal action level of 15 parts per billion.

However, this sampling provides only an initial screen, and the state is committing to further testing water and inspecting plumbing at these schools. Until testing is complete, schools are advised to continue using bottled water and filtration as a precaution to protect children.

In addition, free testing is still available for any other Flint school, including daycares and Head Starts. Free testing is also available for any Flint resident.

Additional information, including more detailed lead screening results, is available at [www.michigan.gov/flintwater](http://www.michigan.gov/flintwater).

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**From:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 2:44 PM  
**To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Cc:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Heaton, Anna (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Flint water finance question

Sara & Dave...

Meant to send this earlier...but apparently didn't hit "send."

FYI---see below from Jacob. Given plan for tomorrow...please advise on how you want to proceed.

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**From:** Jacob Kanclerz [<mailto:jacob@mirsnews.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:00 PM  
**To:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) <[StantonT@michigan.gov](mailto:StantonT@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Flint water finance question

Terry,

I know Flint is under the RTAB now, but would you be able to help connect me with someone that might be able to tell me just how much it would cost to connect the city back to the DWSD water supply? Let me know if you could help out today. Thanks!

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Jacob Kanclerz  
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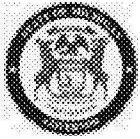
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We still planning to send advisory at 4:30?

We will have a bill signing PR going out at 5.

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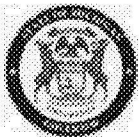
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Hi Dave,

This is Roberto Acosta with The Flint Journal.

I was trying to reach the governor's office for a comment on the recommendation made by a blue ribbon panel of water experts Wednesday, Oct. 7, for the city of Flint to reconnect to Detroit water as soon as possible.

The recommendation was made during a meeting at Flint City Hall by the Technical Advisory Committee that was formed earlier this year by Flint Mayor Dayne Walling and includes an expert from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

If there is any comment that could be provided this afternoon by the governor's office, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request,

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**Subject:** Updated MDHHS Talking Points  
**Attachments:** Flint Water Talking Points 100715.docx

Attached talking points updated to include info re: extended hours for water filter distribution, school testing results, NSF filter certification.

Thank you,

Jennifer (Smith) Eisner  
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## Blood Lead Levels in Flint Talking Points

October 7, 2015

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### *Water Filters*

- Our first action item is to work closely with our public and private partners to provide water filters to Flint residents and MDHHS clients.
- To meet this priority, the governor identified one million dollars in state funding to purchase water filters for Flint residents.
- The Brita SAFF-100 filters being distributed by the department and GCCARD do meet the NSF/ANSI 53 standards for drinking water treatment units.
- The Brita faucet filtration system we are distributing are National Sanitation Foundation certified to reduce lead in drinking water.
- Free water filters are available to current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services clients and Flint residents who are on the Flint water system at four locations:
  - Flint residents who are not current MDHHS clients should visit one of two Genesee County Community Action Resource Department offices to obtain a filter.
    - at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint
  - Current MDHHS clients in the city of Flint should visit their local MDHHS office
    - At 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road
- Staff will be onsite at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation.
- Extended hours are being offered at the Lippincott facility only, and will run until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The other three locations will maintain 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. operating hours, Monday through Friday, for filter pick up.
- Given the questions and concerns regarding the change in water source in Flint, MDHHS authorized the use of emergency services funding to provide water filters for MDHHS clients receiving assistance in the city of Flint.
- This funding will support active Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), State Disability Assistance (SDA), State Disability Assistance (SDA), or Social Security Insurance (SSI) recipients so that they can obtain filters that are National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified to remove lead and ANSI Standard 53.
- MDHHS currently serves approximately 25,000 households in Flint.

### *School Testing and Results*

- The state today also released the first results from its free lead screening program in schools.
- Out of 13 buildings tested, four samples spread over three buildings exceeded the federal action level of 15 parts per billion.
- However, this sampling provides only an initial screen, and MDHHS toxicologists will work with DEQ to conduct further testing.
- Schools on the Flint water system should continue using filtered or bottled water to protect against potential lead exposure.

#### *Background Information*

- Initial analysis of MDHHS data found that blood lead levels (BLLs) of children in Flint have followed an expected seasonal trend; due to small numbers further analysis was initiated.
- While this analysis of blood lead levels in Flint as a whole remains true, after a comprehensive and detailed review down to the zip code level, we have found that the state analysis is consistent with that presented by Hurley.
- Director Lyon is working closely with DEQ and the administration to take active steps to reduce all potential lead exposures in Flint, and across the state.
- Our Chief Medical Executive has been in communication with the lead investigator at Hurley Children's Hospital, and we continue to work with Hurley, the city of Flint, local and state leaders to verify and analyze data trends.
- Zip code-level data does show that there has been an increase in elevated childhood blood lead levels in specific communities.
  - This does not conclusively mean that the water source change is the sole cause of the increase, but data does show an association.
  - There is an increased proportion of children with elevated Blood Levels (ELBs) in several zip codes, particularly 03 and 04. These appear to have increased over the last 1.5 years.
  - Lead exposure can occur from a number of different sources (such as paint, gasoline, solder, and consumer products) and through different pathways (such as air, food, water, dust, and soil).
  - Although there are several exposure sources, lead-based paint is still the most widespread and dangerous high-dose source of lead exposure for young children in the US and Michigan.
- We reviewed MDHHS statewide data using the same methodology used by Hurley, looking at our numbers by zip code and age ranges, and filtering out non-Flint children.
- Routine surveillance of blood lead levels does not analyze data down to the zip code level. Detailed analysis like this occurs when there is reason to focus in on precise locations or populations.



- MDHHS is working closely with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Hurley Children's Hospital, the Genesee County Health Department, and community organizations to initiate further action steps.
- We understand that cost may be a barrier to following the recommendations for drinking water, which is why NSF certified filters are being distributed to residents on the Flint water system free of charge.
- MDHHS is recommending that residents follow the Public Health Advisory issued by the Genesee County Health Department, as well as take further steps to reduce exposures to all forms of lead in and around their homes.

#### *MDHHS Stats and Facts*

- 'High Risk' Zip codes (48503 and 48504)
  - Blood lead level rates among children under six years of age in the high risk zip codes (48503, 48504) were 2.7 times higher than the rest of Genesee County before the switch to Flint River Water.
  - After the switch to Flint River Water, rates in the high risk Zip codes were 3.2 times that of the rest of Genesee County.
- Other Zip codes in Flint
  - Rates of elevated blood lead levels among children under six years of age in other parts of the city of Flint were 2 times that of the rest of Genesee County before the switch to Flint River Water.
  - The magnitude of the elevated rate remained roughly the same during the period after the water source switch.
- Lead abatement through MDHHS was federally funded up until FY14 when Michigan began providing additional funds to abate homes.
- In FY14, \$1.25M General Fund was added. In FY15, General Fund was bumped up to \$1.75M and FY16, General Fund remains at \$1.75M.

#### *Reducing and Removing Lead Exposure*

- In housing built before 1978, it can be assumed that the paint has lead unless tests show otherwise.
- Make sure your child does not have access to peeling paint or chewable surfaces painted with lead-based paint.
- Children and pregnant women should not be present in housing built before 1978 that is undergoing renovation. They should not participate in activities that disturb old paint or in cleaning up paint debris after work is completed.
- Create barriers between living/play areas and lead sources. Until environmental clean-up is completed, you should clean and isolate all sources of lead.
  - Close and lock doors to keep children away from chipping or peeling paint on walls. You can also apply temporary barriers such as contact paper or duct tape, to cover holes in walls or to block children's access to other sources of lead.

- Regularly wash children's hands and toys. Hands and toys can become contaminated from household dust or exterior soil. Both are known lead sources.
- Regularly wet-mop floors and wet-wipe window components. Because household dust is a major source of lead, you should wet-mop floors and wet-wipe horizontal surfaces every 2-3 weeks.
  - Windowsills and wells can contain high levels of leaded dust. They should be kept clean. If feasible, windows should be shut to prevent abrasion of painted surfaces or opened from the top sash.
- Take off shoes when entering the house to prevent bringing lead-contaminated soil in from outside.
- Prevent children from playing in bare soil; if possible, provide them with sandboxes. Plant grass on areas of bare soil or cover the soil with grass seed, mulch, or wood chips, if possible.
  - Until the bare soil is covered, move play areas away from bare soil and away from the sides of the house. If you have a sandbox, cover the box when not in use to prevent cats from using it as a litter box. That will help protect children from exposure to animal waste.
- Avoid using makeup, containers, cookware, or tableware to store or cook foods or liquids that are not shown to be lead free.
- Remove recalled toys and toy jewelry immediately from children.
- Use only cold water from the tap for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Hot water is more likely to contain higher levels of lead. Most of the lead in household water usually comes from the plumbing in your house, not from the local water supply.
- Shower and change clothes after finishing a task that involves working with lead-based products such as stained glass, making bullets, or using a firing range.

#### *WIC Children*

- There are 855 infants participating in WIC in Flint.
- We are working with partners at the United Way to ensure that WIC families have access to water filters and bottled water.
- In homes with infants on WIC, if the household has documentation from an official source of unsanitary water supply issues, that family may be eligible to receive ready-to-feed formula. Families should contact WIC to see if they are eligible.
- Each household would have to be looked at on an individual basis.
- WIC cannot cover bottled water.

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**Subject:** RE: 151008. News release

We're still getting some questions answered on our end but for now, the only edit I have would be to define DEQ and MDHHS in the fourth paragraph where it begins with 'State agencies today...'

For the event tomorrow, we have an outline of what Nick and Eden would cover below:

Director Lyon  
Recommendations for residents  
Recommendations for schools  
Additional MDHHS staff available to assist with data and case management

Eden Wells  
NSF Certification  
Additional testing?  
Lead exposure reduction tips

Angela

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**From:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 4:02 PM  
**To:** Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS) <[EisnerJ@michigan.gov](mailto:EisnerJ@michigan.gov)>  
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I'm looking at it now, too!

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On Oct 7, 2015, at 3:59 PM, Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS) <[EisnerJ@michigan.gov](mailto:EisnerJ@michigan.gov)> wrote:

For real this time

Jennifer (Smith) Eisner  
Public Information Officer  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  


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**From:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 2:13 PM  
**To:** Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ) <[TommasuloK@michigan.gov](mailto:TommasuloK@michigan.gov)>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

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**Cc:** Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS) <lasherg@michigan.gov>; Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS) <EisnerJ@michigan.gov>

**Subject:** 151008. News release

EARLY cut. Karen drafted, I've edited, nobody else has seen it yet, so please have at it.  
Thanks.

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**To:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)  
**Cc:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Flint water finance question

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**From:** Jacob Kanclerz [<mailto:jacob@mirsnews.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:00 PM  
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**From:** Roberto Acosta <RACOSTA1@mlive.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 5:20 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Roberto Acosta, Flint Journal

Thank you Dave.

> On Oct 7, 2015, at 5:19 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:  
>  
> Hello Roberto.  
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> We're in a meeting right now and can't call back.  
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> We continue to work with Flint city and community leaders about potential next steps.  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone  
>  
> On Oct 7, 2015, at 4:49 PM, Roberto Acosta <[RACOSTA1@mlive.com](mailto:RACOSTA1@mlive.com)<<mailto:RACOSTA1@mlive.com>>> wrote:  
>  
> Hi Dave,  
>  
> This is Roberto Acosta with The Flint Journal.  
>  
> I was trying to reach the governor's office for a comment on the recommendation made by a blue ribbon panel of water experts Wednesday, Oct. 7, for the city of Flint to reconnect to Detroit water as soon as possible.  
>  
> The recommendation was made during a meeting at Flint City Hall by the Technical Advisory Committee that was formed earlier this year by Flint Mayor Dayne Walling and includes an expert from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.  
>  
> If there is any comment that could be provided this afternoon by the governor's office, it would be greatly appreciated.  
>  
> Thank you for your time and consideration of this request,  
>  
> Roberto Acosta  
> Flint Journal Reporter  
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No problem...thanks.

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**From:** Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 6:11 PM  
**To:** Paciorek, Josh (GOV); Andorfer, Bob (MDARD); Murray, David (GOV)  
**Cc:** Shaw, Eric (DEQ); Holton, Jennifer (MDARD)  
**Subject:** RE: Is Your Child Safe From Lead Poisoning? Handout.  
**Attachments:** LeadHandout\_R013\_eh\_Oct7.pdf

Hi Josh and Bob,

Here's an updated version. Bob -- are the properties right on this? I'm not sure how to check ☺

Dave -- this is the handout we will have for the press event tomorrow.

Angela

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**From:** Paciorek, Josh (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 2:05 PM  
**To:** Andorfer, Bob (MDARD) <[andorferb@michigan.gov](mailto:andorferb@michigan.gov)>  
**Cc:** Shaw, Eric (DEQ) <[ShawE2@michigan.gov](mailto:ShawE2@michigan.gov)>; Minicuci, Angela (DHHS) <[MinicuciA@michigan.gov](mailto:MinicuciA@michigan.gov)>; Holton, Jennifer (MDARD) <[holtonj@michigan.gov](mailto:holtonj@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Is Your Child Safe From Lead Poisoning? Handout.

Thanks, Bob. Good to know. We'll double check that moving forward.

Josh

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2015, at 1:55 PM, Andorfer, Bob (MDARD) <[andorferb@michigan.gov](mailto:andorferb@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Josh/Angela:

That document has been updated with this latest version on the Flint Water web page.

One request though: in the future, I will not be posting PDFs to the website that are sent to me that do not have completed Document Properties (Title, Author, Subject and Key Words.)

This is an ADA Compliance issue and one that eMichigan has been very adamant about state webmasters following. (If you have questions about this, please contact Ellen Martin in eMichigan and she can provide you with a more detailed explanation of the policy.) In the rush to get these documents posted last week I was willing to overlook this for the sake of getting the site put together quickly, but would prefer not to have to take the extra step myself and fill those in while guessing at a correct title or author.

Thank you.

Bob Andorfer  
MDARD

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**From:** Paciorek, Josh (GOV)  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Is Your Child Safe From Lead Poisoning? Handout.

Hi guys

Can you update this doc on the Flint Water site?

Thanks!

Josh

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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**To:** "Paciorek, Josh (GOV)" <[Paciorekj@michigan.gov](mailto:Paciorekj@michigan.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Is Your Child Safe From Lead Poisoning? Handout.

Hi Josh,

Can we please update the Parent Handout on the Flint Water website? Thank you.

Angela

From: Peeler, Nancy (DHHS)  
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 1:21 PM  
To: Ellsworth, Jeffrey (DHHS) <[EllsworthJ@michigan.gov](mailto:EllsworthJ@michigan.gov)>  
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Subject: Fwd: Is Your Child Safe From Lead Poisoning? Handout.

Hello, attached please find the updated Parent Handout document for our website, [www.michigan.gov/lead](http://www.michigan.gov/lead)<<http://www.michigan.gov/lead>>. This will replace the document that is currently posted with the same/similar name. Jeff, thank you for your help in getting this posted today!

Nancy

Sent from my iPad

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Subject: Is Your Child Safe From Lead Poisoning? Handout.

Here you go. ☺

Elizabeth Lounds  
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# IS YOUR CHILD SAFE FROM LEAD POISONING?



## LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY: CREATE A LEAD SAFE HOME

### What causes lead poisoning?

There are many places in a home that can put babies and children in danger of lead poisoning.

Lead paint is the #1 cause of lead poisoning in Michigan and is often found in homes built before 1978. The older the home, the more likely that painted surfaces like windows, cupboards, doors and porches will contain lead paint.

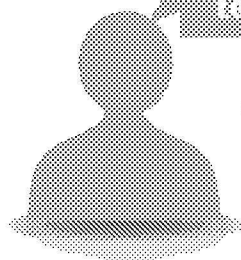
Lead poisoning occurs most often when children come in contact with lead in the air, in dust particles and in lead paint. Lead can also be found in soil, drinking water if supplied by lead pipes, certain home remedies and is used in some hobbies and occupations.

Exposure to lead particles is a serious health threat. Carefully consider where your child spends time (childcare, relatives, your home) when thinking about lead poisoning hazards.

### How can I tell if my child has lead poisoning?

Talk to your doctor about testing your child's blood for lead poisoning.

#### When should my child be tested for lead poisoning?



Children should be tested at one and two years of age or if you think your child has been exposed to a lead hazard.

To learn more about lead poisoning prevention and blood lead testing, call the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Project:

**(517) 335-8885**

**(888) 322-4453**

### Take this quiz to see if your child may have lead poisoning:

Symptoms of lead poisoning can be silent—and hard to recognize. Preventing lead poisoning before it happens is the best way to keep your family safe. Take this quiz to see if your child may be at risk:

Does your child currently live in a home built before 1950 or have they lived in a home built before 1950 in the recent past? Do they spend time at or often visit a home built before 1950?

Yes      No      Don't know

Does your child currently live in a home built before 1978 that was recently remodeled? Have they lived in or often visited a home built before 1978 that was recently remodeled?

Yes      No      Don't know

Does your child have a brother, sister or playmate with lead poisoning?

Yes      No      Don't know

Does your child live with an adult whose job or hobby involves lead?

Yes      No      Don't know

Does you or your child's caregiver use home remedies that may contain lead?

Yes      No      Don't know

If you answered NO to all of these questions, your child is probably not at risk for lead poisoning.

If you answered YES or DON'T KNOW to any of these questions, talk to your doctor about testing your child for lead poisoning.

## MAKE EVERY DAY LEAD SAFE

**Safe Cleaning.** Use these steps to help keep your home clean and reduce your child's risk of exposure. Use these tips to clean your windows, doors, floors, porches, stairs and child play areas.



**Put on gloves.** If you do not have rubber gloves, wash your hands well after cleaning.

**Use the right cleaners and disposable supplies.** Use soapy cleaners or products made to remove lead dust.



**Remove paint chips first.** Window areas and porches often have peeling paint and lead dust. Pick up visible chips and dispose of them in a plastic bag.

**Always wet-mop floors and window sills.** Do not broom lead dust. Dispose of cloths after wiping each area. If using a mop, replace water frequently.



**Don't use a vacuum unless it is a HEPA vacuum.** It will spread lead dust into the air you breathe. Some health departments have HEPA vacuums available to borrow.

**Rinse after cleaning.** Use clean water and a new mop head or fresh paper towels to wipe away suds.



**Always empty wash water down a toilet.**

**Repeat these steps often** when dirt and dust appear on floors, porches, window wells, window sills, stairs and children's play areas.

### For Homes with Lead Pipes



**If you use a water filter,** be sure it meets NSF/ANSI 53 standards for lead reduction.

✓ **Flush your pipes before drinking,** and only use cold water for cooking and mixing formula. Flush pipes by running the water for approximately 5 minutes.

✓ **Test.** Consider contacting your local water authority to have your water tested.

### Daily Lead Safe Practices

- Wash hands, bottles, pacifiers and toys often
- Always take off shoes before going into the house.
- Watch your child's diet. Foods high in calcium and iron help keep lead from being absorbed by a child's body.
- Avoid using power sanders, open-flame torches, heat guns, dry scrapers and dry sandpaper on painted surfaces.
- Fix peeling or chipping paint.
- Use a certified Repair and Remodeling Professional when making updates to your home
- Practice safe cleaning methods.

Thinking about remodeling your home? Need advice about identifying and removing lead paint? Call the Lead and Healthy Homes Section: 866-691-LEAD.

[www.michigan.gov/lead](http://www.michigan.gov/lead)

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**To:** Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)  
**Cc:** Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV); Heaton, Anna (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Updated MDHHS Talking Points  
**Attachments:** Flint Water Talking Points 100715.docx

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**Subject:** Updated MDHHS Talking Points

Attached talking points updated to include info re: extended hours for water filter distribution, school testing results, NSF filter certification.

Thank you,

Jennifer (Smith) Eisner  
Public Information Officer  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
517-241-2112

## Blood Lead Levels in Flint Talking Points

October 7, 2015

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### *Water Filters*

- Our first action item is to work closely with our public and private partners to provide water filters to Flint residents and MDHHS clients.
- To meet this priority, the governor identified one million dollars in state funding to purchase water filters for Flint residents.
- The Brita SAFF-100 filters being distributed by the department and GCCARD do meet the NSF/ANSI 53 standards for drinking water treatment units.
- The Brita faucet filtration system we are distributing are National Sanitation Foundation certified to reduce lead in drinking water.
- Free water filters are available to current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services clients and Flint residents who are on the Flint water system at four locations:
  - Flint residents who are not current MDHHS clients should visit one of two Genesee County Community Action Resource Department offices to obtain a filter.
    - at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint
  - Current MDHHS clients in the city of Flint should visit their local MDHHS office
    - At 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road
- Staff will be onsite at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation.
- Extended hours are being offered at the Lippincott facility only, and will run until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The other three locations will maintain 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. operating hours, Monday through Friday, for filter pick up.
- Given the questions and concerns regarding the change in water source in Flint, MDHHS authorized the use of emergency services funding to provide water filters for MDHHS clients receiving assistance in the city of Flint.
- This funding will support active Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), State Disability Assistance (SDA), State Disability Assistance (SDA), or Social Security Insurance (SSI) recipients so that they can obtain filters that are National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified to remove lead and ANSI Standard 53.
- MDHHS currently serves approximately 25,000 households in Flint.

### *School Testing and Results*

- The state today also released the first results from its free lead screening program in schools.
- Out of 13 buildings tested, four samples spread over three buildings exceeded the federal action level of 15 parts per billion.
- However, this sampling provides only an initial screen, and MDHHS toxicologists will work with DEQ to conduct further testing.
- Schools on the Flint water system should continue using filtered or bottled water to protect against potential lead exposure.

#### *Background Information*

- Initial analysis of MDHHS data found that blood lead levels (BLLs) of children in Flint have followed an expected seasonal trend; due to small numbers further analysis was initiated.
- While this analysis of blood lead levels in Flint as a whole remains true, after a comprehensive and detailed review down to the zip code level, we have found that the state analysis is consistent with that presented by Hurley.
- Director Lyon is working closely with DEQ and the administration to take active steps to reduce all potential lead exposures in Flint, and across the state.
- Our Chief Medical Executive has been in communication with the lead investigator at Hurley Children's Hospital, and we continue to work with Hurley, the city of Flint, local and state leaders to verify and analyze data trends.
- Zip code-level data does show that there has been an increase in elevated childhood blood lead levels in specific communities.
  - This does not conclusively mean that the water source change is the sole cause of the increase, but data does show an association.
  - There is an increased proportion of children with elevated Blood Levels (ELBs) in several zip codes, particularly 03 and 04. These appear to have increased over the last 1.5 years.
  - Lead exposure can occur from a number of different sources (such as paint, gasoline, solder, and consumer products) and through different pathways (such as air, food, water, dust, and soil).
  - Although there are several exposure sources, lead-based paint is still the most widespread and dangerous high-dose source of lead exposure for young children in the US and Michigan.
- We reviewed MDHHS statewide data using the same methodology used by Hurley, looking at our numbers by zip code and age ranges, and filtering out non-Flint children.
- Routine surveillance of blood lead levels does not analyze data down to the zip code level. Detailed analysis like this occurs when there is reason to focus in on precise locations or populations.



- MDHHS is working closely with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Hurley Children's Hospital, the Genesee County Health Department, and community organizations to initiate further action steps.
- We understand that cost may be a barrier to following the recommendations for drinking water, which is why NSF certified filters are being distributed to residents on the Flint water system free of charge.
- MDHHS is recommending that residents follow the Public Health Advisory issued by the Genesee County Health Department, as well as take further steps to reduce exposures to all forms of lead in and around their homes.

#### *MDHHS Stats and Facts*

- 'High Risk' Zip codes (48503 and 48504)
  - Blood lead level rates among children under six years of age in the high risk zip codes (48503, 48504) were 2.7 times higher than the rest of Genesee County before the switch to Flint River Water.
  - After the switch to Flint River Water, rates in the high risk Zip codes were 3.2 times that of the rest of Genesee County.
- Other Zip codes in Flint
  - Rates of elevated blood lead levels among children under six years of age in other parts of the city of Flint were 2 times that of the rest of Genesee County before the switch to Flint River Water.
  - The magnitude of the elevated rate remained roughly the same during the period after the water source switch.
- Lead abatement through MDHHS was federally funded up until FY14 when Michigan began providing additional funds to abate homes.
- In FY14, \$1.25M General Fund was added. In FY15, General Fund was bumped up to \$1.75M and FY16, General Fund remains at \$1.75M.

#### *Reducing and Removing Lead Exposure*

- In housing built before 1978, it can be assumed that the paint has lead unless tests show otherwise.
- Make sure your child does not have access to peeling paint or chewable surfaces painted with lead-based paint.
- Children and pregnant women should not be present in housing built before 1978 that is undergoing renovation. They should not participate in activities that disturb old paint or in cleaning up paint debris after work is completed.
- Create barriers between living/play areas and lead sources. Until environmental clean-up is completed, you should clean and isolate all sources of lead.
  - Close and lock doors to keep children away from chipping or peeling paint on walls. You can also apply temporary barriers such as contact paper or duct tape, to cover holes in walls or to block children's access to other sources of lead.

- Regularly wash children's hands and toys. Hands and toys can become contaminated from household dust or exterior soil. Both are known lead sources.
- Regularly wet-mop floors and wet-wipe window components. Because household dust is a major source of lead, you should wet-mop floors and wet-wipe horizontal surfaces every 2-3 weeks.
  - Windowsills and wells can contain high levels of leaded dust. They should be kept clean. If feasible, windows should be shut to prevent abrasion of painted surfaces or opened from the top sash.
- Take off shoes when entering the house to prevent bringing lead-contaminated soil in from outside.
- Prevent children from playing in bare soil; if possible, provide them with sandboxes. Plant grass on areas of bare soil or cover the soil with grass seed, mulch, or wood chips, if possible.
  - Until the bare soil is covered, move play areas away from bare soil and away from the sides of the house. If you have a sandbox, cover the box when not in use to prevent cats from using it as a litter box. That will help protect children from exposure to animal waste.
- Avoid using makeup, containers, cookware, or tableware to store or cook foods or liquids that are not shown to be lead free.
- Remove recalled toys and toy jewelry immediately from children.
- Use only cold water from the tap for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Hot water is more likely to contain higher levels of lead. Most of the lead in household water usually comes from the plumbing in your house, not from the local water supply.
- Shower and change clothes after finishing a task that involves working with lead-based products such as stained glass, making bullets, or using a firing range.

#### *WIC Children*

- There are 855 infants participating in WIC in Flint.
- We are working with partners at the United Way to ensure that WIC families have access to water filters and bottled water.
- In homes with infants on WIC, if the household has documentation from an official source of unsanitary water supply issues, that family may be eligible to receive ready-to-feed formula. Families should contact WIC to see if they are eligible.
- Each household would have to be looked at on an individual basis.
- WIC cannot cover bottled water.

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**Subject:** 151008. Media QA

Questions with some draft answers. Not by any means final, but here's first crack at this.

# Flint Drinking Water

Media Q&A

Oct. 8, 2015

## Switch to Great Lakes Water Authority

### **What finally pushed the state to this decision?**

This was the City's request, and the Governor supports it, based on several key factors: In the near term, DWSD water will be easier to manage. It comes from a more stable source than the river, it is fully optimized for corrosion control, and it is clear that residents of Flint have more confidence in this water source.

### **Will this solve Flint's water crisis?**

In combination with the other short term, intermediate term and long-term steps outlined last week, this move represents a big step forward. Flint still has serious system maintenance challenges it must address.

### **If you're saying residents will still have lead because of their plumbing, does that mean every other city in this state has a lead problem?**

Many areas of the state have lead in their infrastructure mix.

### **Where's the state getting the money to fund this?**

We have submitted a formal request to lawmakers via the appropriations process.

### **Where's the city getting the money to fund this?**

The city is contributing all it can, and is getting assistance for its match from the Mott Foundation.

### **How long will the switch take?**

The switch will be completed by the City and Great lakes Water Authority, but our understanding is that it can be accomplished in the very near term once the arrangements are complete.

### **How long will it take before Detroit's corrosion controls provide protection for Flint?**

It will take some time for the corrosion control additives to build on pipe walls throughout the system. Estimates vary. The state can assure we will commence monitoring of the system early 2016 and report results as we get them to keep the community updated.

### **Why do residents still need to use filters and bottled water?**

The filters and bottled water are responsible precautions for any resident concerned about lead exposure.

**Do the filters actually work? We've been hearing they don't protect for lead.**

Yes, the filters work. They are all certified for lead removal by the National Sanitation Foundation.

**The filters are only good for 100 gallons. What happens when they are used up?**

They will need to be replaced. And residents can get a new filter.

**What about restaurants?**

**What's going to be done about lead service lines?**

Long term, this is the only permanent solution to lead exposure. The state has committed to helping the city accomplish this goal long term.

**Do you wish you'd made this switch sooner?**

We support the City's decision. We can't look backward. We feel the state has responded quickly and effectively as information has surfaced, been investigated and verified. While the City of Flint is, right now, in compliance with the federal Lead and Copper Rule, we recognize there is a disparity between surveillance testing and other testing happening in the community that we need to better understand and we are working on developing our knowledge.

Schools testing

**What do these results say?**

The results say we need to further investigate Flint schools and help the schools find clearer causes for some the results we got.

**Any theories about what's going on?**

It is possible there are specific points in the plumbing that have lead components which need to be replaced, but we can't say anything definitively until we perform an investigation at each school.

**Do the schools have lead service lines? If not, why are they getting such high results?**

The schools we tested initially do not have lead service lines. There are a few possible reasons why lead is being detected at specific points in the buildings and not others. When we know things definitively, we will make the information public.

**How long do the schools have to stay on bottled water? Just until the switch to Detroit, or longer term?**

We are encouraging the schools to continue their current protective measures as a precaution until we can get into the buildings and get more answers.

**Why did you only test 13 schools?**

That was what the Flint Public Schools requested.

**What happens to other schools?**

We will test all the schools in Flint if they request it.

**What about the schools that can't afford to update their entire plumbing systems?**

This is why we are having plumbing assessments completed. There is no way to know yet what each building will require.

**How confident are you in your testing? You've got results all over the map.**

We are confident that our testing meets the requirements for the federal Lead and Copper Rule, which is surveillance monitoring. The bigger question is whether surveillance monitoring meets the public health protection standards that Lead Exposure Testing methods do. The EPA is working on that question now, and we are engaged in that dialogue.

**What do you mean by "health exposure testing"? What are you doing next?**

**The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of your results is still below 15 ppb. Does that make you more or less confident in your testing and in your protocols?**

It makes us confident that the testing protocol delivers consistent results. But again, it does raise questions about whether this testing method shows what people think it does or what they really want to know, which is actual lead exposure from lead plumbing in a home.

**Any idea how long kids have been exposed to lead? Was it before the move to the Flint River?**

That is possible. We don't know.

**How does the state bring this new information into the broader picture of kids' lead exposure across the state?**

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**Briefing: Flint Water System Press Conference**

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015

Mott Foundation/Commerce Center Building Ground Floor

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**Purpose:****Event notes:****High level points:****Agenda:**

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Gov meets with Mayor Walling in [Room 1]

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Pre-Brief in [Room 2]

10:00 AM – 10:01 AM Harvey Hollins kicks off press conference; introduces Governor

10:01 AM – 10:05 AM Governor gives remarks

10:05 AM – 10:06 AM Harvey Hollins introduces Mayor Dayne Walling

10:06 AM – 10:10 AM Mayor Walling gives remarks

10:10 AM – 10:11 AM Harvey Hollins introduces DEQ Director Dan Wyant

10:11 AM – 10:15 AM Director Wyant gives remarks

10:15 AM – 10:16 AM Harvey Hollins introduces DHHS Director Nick Lyon

10:16 AM – 10:17 AM Director Nick Lyon introduces Dr. Eden Wells

10:17 AM – 10:20 AM Dr. Eden Wells remarks

10:20 AM – 10:21 AM Harvey Hollins introduces Ridgway White of Mott Foundation

10:21 AM – 10:25 AM Ridgway White gives remarks

10:25 AM – 10:35 AM Q&A from the podium

10:35 AM Event concludes; Governor departs

**Attendees:**

Roughly 20 in audience

Susan	Borrego	Chancellor, U of M Flint
Oscar	Overton	Pastor
Alfred	Harris	Pastor
Latrelle	Holmes	Pastor
Jim	Ananich	Michigan Senate
Sheldon	Neely	Michigan House
Phil	Phelps	Michigan House
Jeff	Wright	Drain Commissioner, Genesee County
Amy	Hovey	Dan Kildee office
Jamie	Gaskin	Dan Kildee office
Tim	Herman	Flint Chamber of Commerce
Brian	Larkin	Flint Chamber of Commerce
Eric	Mays	Flint City Council
Jacqueline	Poplar	Flint City Council
Kerry	Nelson	Flint City Council
Joshua	Freeman	Flint City Council
Wantwaz	Davis	Flint City Council



Herbert	Winfrey	Flint City Council
Monica	Galloway	Flint City Council
Vicki	VanBuren	Flint City Council
Scott	Kincaid	Flint City Council

**Speaker comments:**

RDS – Collaboration led to solution, outline of solution

Mayor Walling – Importance of solution to Flint

Dan Wyant – School testing results, overview of steps on transition from Flint River to DWSD

Nick Lyon – DHHS involvement

Dr. Eden Wells – Testing of water going forward, use of filters approved by NSF

Ridgway White – Importance of collaboration/commitment to Flint

**Talking points:**

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Looks good to me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2015, at 6:12 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <[MurrayD1@michigan.gov](mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Team,

Please review this draft press release for the Thursday announcement in Flint. This incorporates some suggested edits to the strong draft from DEQ earlier today.

Thank you very much.

## **Gov. Rick Snyder: Move back to Detroit water provides best protection for public health in Flint**

### *State, Mott Foundation and city form partnership to fund switch*

FLINT, Mich. – Flint families and children will be better protected by reconnecting with the Great Lakes Water Authority as the source of the city's drinking water, Gov. Rick Snyder said.

Snyder said Thursday that he will request the state Legislature to provide a portion of the \$12 million needed to reconnect with the authority, with the Flint city government providing \$2 million and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation donating \$4 million.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environmental Quality today also committed an additional \$3.5 million for water filters, free lead testing through the state laboratory for Flint water customers, and hiring additional staff to conduct health exposure monitoring for lead in drinking water.

Flint city leaders requested the state's help to fund the reconnection after a Wednesday meeting of Flint's Technical Advisory Committee. Flint's move to the Great Lakes Water Authority is expected to cost about \$1.3 million per month until the Karegnondi Water Authority is completed next summer.

"All Flint residents need clean, safe drinking water," Snyder said. "The technical experts helping the city on its water advisory all agree this move back to the Great Lakes Water Authority provides the best public health protection for children and families. This effort today is the result of people coming together to solve a problem. I appreciate Detroit's willingness to reconnect with Flint, the Mott Foundation's generous donation, and the dedication of all parties to come together to protect Flint families and children."

The move to Detroit water, which is drawn from Lake Huron, carries many public health benefits. As large bodies of water, the Great Lakes are naturally prone to fewer problems from

large rain events and other runoff issues that can be present in shallower rivers. Additionally, the Great Lakes Water Authority has already fully optimized its corrosion control, using phosphates to help coat the insides of pipes and prevent lead from leaching into the water.

However, reconnecting with the authority will not completely resolve the city's problem with lead service lines or aging infrastructure. It will take time for pipes in Flint to become coated with the phosphate corrosion control. Additionally, some households in the city could experience lead in their drinking water until all lead pipes and plumbing are replaced.

To best protect public health, Snyder said state and local authorities will continue to carry out steps outlined on Oct. 2 in a comprehensive action plan, including continued testing, the use of faucet filters and providing residents with accurate information about steps to eliminate lead in water.

Free filters are available for current MDHHS clients at the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office locations.

For residents who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs, free filters are available at the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department offices at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint. Staff will be at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation.

At the Lippincott location only, extended hours will be offered this weekend, including until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Other good practices for residents concerned about lead include turning on the cold water tap and running the water until it's as cold as it will go. Additionally, only use cold water for cooking, drinking and especially mixing baby formula.

### ***School test results released; more investigation planned***

The state today also released the first results from its lead screening program in schools and homes. Of 37 total samples taken at 13 buildings, four samples spread over three buildings exceeded the federal action level of 15 parts per billion.

However, this sampling provides only an initial screen, and the state is committing to further testing water and inspecting plumbing at these schools. Until testing is complete, schools are advised to continue using bottled water and filtration as a precaution to protect children.

In addition, free testing is still available for any other Flint school, including daycares and Head Starts. Free testing is also available for any Flint resident.

Additional information, including more detailed lead screening results, is available at [www.michigan.gov/flintwater](http://www.michigan.gov/flintwater).

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## **Flint water action plan – next steps**

### **Communications & Outreach Plan**

#### **DRAFT (10/7/2015)**

##### Situation overview:

Water and concerns about lead levels in the city of Flint have been escalating since the city moved to the Flint River as its source of water after switching from DWSD in the spring of 2014 with local plans to move to a new water authority – the Karegnondi Water Authority or KWA – slated to be online in June 2016. Numerous tests have shown the water overall to be safe with non-detect lead levels when leaving Flint water treatment plant and below widely recognized federal action levels (15 ppb) in most surveillance monitoring. However, like many communities across the state and country, Flint's infrastructure is aging and hasn't been updated in decades, facing outdated lead service connections and lead pipes in individual homes. Some water tests have indicated definite elevated lead levels within some homes, neighborhoods and zip codes, with some children in those same areas also experiencing elevated lead levels, causing great concern for all parties.

Race, poverty and local governance (with city's history of emergency managers) have all been raised as issues or allegations, adding to the challenges.

Given all factors involved, it has been deemed prudent and best for public health and restoring confidence in water system to temporarily switch back to Detroit water, now governed by an entity called the Great Lakes Water Authority, as the city's water source until the new KWA is completed. A special technical advisory committee comprised of public health and drinking water experts has concurred and recommended such a path. The cost to do so is estimated at about \$12M over nine months. The state is proposing to cover about half of the cost with the city (\$2M) and community organizations (C.S. Mott Foundation at \$4M) pledging to cover the balance.

##### Goals/objectives:

- Ensure governor and state focus is on protecting public health and ensuring safe, accessible drinking water and all the action steps that are being taken to help ensure those two priorities.
- Minimize and diffuse finger pointing and tension between all stakeholders.
- Effective, concise communication that makes it clear for both residents and schools what next steps are and that state is committed to doing everything it can to help address situation in partnership and collaboration with city and community leaders.
- Restore confidence in Flint water.
- Convey shared responsibility to address.

##### Action steps/tools with timeline:

###### **Wednesday, Oct. 7**

- Coordinate with MI Depts of Environmental Quality and Health & Human Services
- Coordinate with Mott Foundation

- Find and finalize venue, logistics, establish security plan
  - Confirm live streaming capability and AV details (podium, sound system, mult box, lavalier and hand held mics, etc).
  - Determine visuals and room set up. Current plan is simply U.S., state of MI and city of Flint flags with “Taking Action on Flint Water” podium sign. (See attached).
  - Assure protest area, access and entrance points and plan, attendee list and contingency plans, etc
- Follow up discussions with DWSD, GLWA members (city, Oakland, Wayne & Macomb counties) and Mayor Duggan.
- Coordinate with Flint city communications
- Coordinate with DWSD/GLWA communications
- Coordination/briefing to MDE Superintendent of Schools Brian Whiston and DOC Director Heidi Washington

*2 – 4:30 p.m. (TENTATIVE)*

- Expanded technical advisory committee meets to discuss and evaluate corrosion control plans as well as potential implications and benefits of switch back to Detroit water.

*3:30 p.m.*

Governor briefs Senate and House Republican leaders

*4:30 p.m. (TENTATIVE – dependent on timing and outcome of technical advisory committee)*

- Send media advisory with basic notice of planned 10 a.m. press conference “to make an announcement re: Flint water”
- Scheduling invites Sen. Ananich and Reps. Neely and Phelps to press conference (no specific details yet)

*5 p.m.*

Touch base conference call with EO, DEQ, DHHS teams to close loops, share all latest information, determine last needed action items.

*6 p.m.*

- Send draft plan, release and all related materials to Governor and team for review and edit.

**Thursday, Oct. 8**

*8 a.m.*

- Team arrives in Flint to set up
- Final edits on all materials due to comms team.
- DEQ Director Wyant briefs Sen. Ananich and Reps. Neely and Phelps on specifics of next steps/plan briefs
- Governor calls Cong. Dale Kildee and briefs him on next steps/plan
- Bill McBride briefs U.S. Sens. Gary Peters & Debbie Stabenow

9 a.m.

- Meeting with Governor, Flint Mayor Walling, DEQ, DHHS, Mott Foundation to finalize details
- DEQ water testing lab and DHHS public health teams contact the Flint schools to share the testing results and next steps on protocol, actions
  - Flint Schools Superintendent Bilal Tawwab
  - Genesee Co. ISD Superintendent
- DHHS Dr. Eden Wells briefs Genesee Co. Health Dept/Health Officer Mark Valacak
- DEQ briefs Genesee Co. Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright
- SBO Director John Roberts contacts Senate and House Appropriations Chairs (Sen. Dave Hildendbrand & Rep. Al Pscholka) re: Detroit water switch and supplemental request
- DEQ Director Wyant and DHHS Director Nick Lyon contact respective budget subcommittee chairs and vice chairs (Sens. Marleau & Green and Reps. Roger Victory & Chris Afendoulis) re: Detroit water switch and supplemental request
- Harvey Hollins/Dennis Muchmore brief/invite other key stakeholders TBD
  - Select group of ministers and pastors
  - Flint Chamber
  - UM Flint
  - United Way
  - Flint Community Foundation

9:45 – 10 a.m.

- Prebriefing to walk through press conference run of show, last Qs, etc.,

10 – 10:30 a.m.

- Press conference kicks off  
(SEE RUN OF SHOW/BRIEFING)

10:05 a.m.

- News release goes out; posted to web site
- Social media posts

### **Qs/issues**

Funding positioning – Gov is “asking Legislature,” “committed to finding match”, etc.  
Roles of legislators, i.e. Cong. Kildee, Sen. Ananich, Reps. Neely and Phelps